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VIOLENT BELGRADE SCENES

Huge Protest Demonstration In Main Streets

20 YEARS WAR IF NECESSARY

Britain would fight for 20 years if necessary, declared Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, at a press conference in New York yesterday.

He gave it as his "deliberate conviction" that a combination of military, naval and air power and the blockade would give Britain the victory over the Nazis and their Axis partner.

The duration of the war would depend on the speed of American help. Referring to the post-war world Lord Halifax said Britain did not want a vindictive peace but she was going to see that steps were taken to ensure that the world should not see a repetition of the present situation at the hands of Germany.—Reuter.

Government Blandly Ignores Popular Feeling

YUGOSLAV POPULAR FEELING AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA'S ADHERENCE TO THE AXIS PACT FOUND EXPRESSION IN A HUGE DEMONSTRATION OF PROTEST IN THE MAIN STREET OF BELGRADE YESTERDAY.

Students marched arm in arm singing national and patriotic songs. There was violent quarrelling among onlookers, blows were exchanged and plainclothes police, with whom the city had been filled, immediately intervened and took a number of people into custody.

Even schoolchildren in Belgrade are participating in the protests. Hitler's portrait was burned at schools and the portrait of the boy King Peter framed with red carnations.

More serious rioting occurred at Banyaluma, where 14 were killed.

RIOTING ALSO OCCURRED AT SKOPJE ON TUESDAY NIGHT, AND YESTERDAY MORNING ALL TELEPHONE LINES WITH BELGRADE WERE CUT.

Radio Belgrade last night represented the reaction to Yugoslavia's adherence to the Pact as "favourable throughout the country."

This presumably reflects the Yugoslav Government's views.

"Satisfaction"

"In Slovenia satisfaction is expressed at the fact that Yugoslavia's independence will not be infringed," said the announcer.

"In south Serbia some uneasiness was felt at first but this was dispelled since it was learned that no German troops are to pass through Yugoslav territory."

"In Bosnia there was similar relief and in Sarajevo general content reigns at the assurance that the country is not being dragged into the war," he concluded.—Reuter.

TURKEY GIVES WARNING

Turkey has an absolute community of interests with Britain.

This declaration was made yesterday by Refet Canitez, Vice-President of the Turkish National Assembly, broadcasting from Ankara.

Bulgaria, he said, had surrendered her independence, while Greece, "who is our neighbour and friend, has been fighting against the aggressor with a heroism which would be the envy of the mythological heroes."

The Anglo-Turkish Alliance, he continued, had thus far kept the peace in the Near East, but "danger has now penetrated into our zone of security and has assumed an extent which constitutes a threat to our existence."

"On the day our security is encroached upon, the Near East will be transformed into a battle-field."—Reuter.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE

Appeal To Yugoslavians

An impassioned appeal to the Yugoslavian people was made over the ether by the Secretary for India, Mr. L. S. Amery, from London last night.

"It is not too late," Mr. Amery exclaimed, urging them to keep their national spirit alive.

It was the duty of the Yugoslav Government, before the pact was ratified, to consult their people, who regarded the signing of the pact as a betrayal of honour and independence.

"What will be your position when Britain has won, as she will win?" asked Mr. Amery. "Even Hitler cannot prevail against England and America together."—Reuter.

TRANSPORT MOVING AGAIN

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
Tramway and bus services in the French Concession, Shanghai, resumed operation yesterday. Negotiations between representatives of the companies and the workers are still proceeding.—Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE DEMANDS IN AMOY

MR. I. C. HANNAH (Cons.) asked in the House of Commons yesterday for information regarding Japanese demands at Amoy and whether steps were taken to support the foreign administration against demands calculated to subject the Settlement to Japanese domination.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the Japanese consul-general at Amoy presented four requests on January 20, three of which presented no difficulty, but the fourth was for the immediate appointment of six Japanese sergeants in the police force.

Negotiations had been proceeding between the Japanese consul-general and the British consul-general in his capacity of Senior Consul.

Mr. Hannah: Is the present position not extremely unsatisfactory?

No answer was given.—Reuter.

RIBBENTROP GREETED MR. MATSUOKA

Ribbentrop and many other Nazi leaders and diplomats, including Yugoslavia's representative, were at the station to welcome Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, yesterday.

The station was specially decorated and a military guard of honour was mounted. Ribbentrop later drove with Mr.

GERMAN TANKER SUNK

The British submarine Sturgeon (Lt. Comdr. St. Clair Ford) has sunk an 8,000-ton German tanker off the Norwegian coast.

Announcing this yesterday, the Admiralty in London says the submarine fired at the tanker during mist and rain.

An explosion followed and when the mist cleared 20 minutes later only part of the tanker could be seen above water.—Reuter.

Matsuoka through decorated streets to the Bellevue Palace, which will be Mr. Matsuoka's headquarters during his stay in Berlin.—Reuter.

Bombing By Odd Raiders

Enemy aircraft, operating singly over the southern half of England yesterday, dropped bombs which did little damage.

Several houses in the West of England were destroyed, however, and industrial buildings in two Southern towns damaged.

Casualties were nowhere large though some were killed, according to the Air Ministry communiqué. TWO RAIDERS WERE DESTROYED.—REUTER.

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BRITAIN'S LAST WORD

Yugoslavia's Previous Assurances Broken

Statement In Commons

BRITAIN'S LAST WORD to the Yugoslav Government before the latter signed the Axis Pact was disclosed textually by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, in the House of Commons yesterday.

When signature of the Pact appeared imminent, the British Minister in Belgrade sent a Note to the Yugoslav Government indicating Britain had been led emphatically to believe that no action could or would be taken capable of harming or making serious difficulties for nations upholding a cause which, she was assured, the Yugoslav people regarded as their own.

"The British Government therefore are shocked to learn that Yugoslavia now suddenly contemplates signature of an agreement by which she will not only abandon her neutral attitude but enter into the very system of Britain's enemies.

"If such an agreement is concluded the British Government is bound to point out that in the light of recent history, the Yugoslav people will almost certainly be drawn more deeply into that system as time goes on.

German Scruples

"The history of the past 18 months has shown how little Germany scruples to honour assurances she has given.

"Responsibility for the results of Yugoslavia's present decision rests with the Yugoslav Government." — Reuter.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN SPAIN

THE FOOD SITUATION IN SPAIN IS VERY SERIOUS AND BOTH BRITAIN AND AMERICA WOULD BE VERY GLAD TO ALLOW WHEAT SHIPMENTS TO GO TO THAT COUNTRY.

This statement was made to Reuter yesterday by an official of the British Ministry of Economic Warfare in London.

Asked whether the French Government had thanked Britain for allowing food to go to France, the official said that a recent Vichy broadcast had said something to the effect that the needs of unoccupied France were now being met. — Reuter.

DIVE-BOMB ATTACK ON MALTA HARBOUR

Enemy aircraft attempted to dive-bomb the harbour at Malta on Tuesday, according to an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

No serious damage or casualties resulted but slight damage was done to civilian property.

One Junkers 88 was shot down by anti-aircraft fire and others were damaged. — Reuter.

R.A.F. BACKING UP SIEGE OF KEREN

MANY RAIDS ON enemy positions in support of the successful military operations in Eritrea and Abyssinia were carried out by R.A.F. aircraft on Tuesday, states an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo.

Keren was again persistently attacked and several tons of bombs were dropped during the day.

The railway between Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa was heavily and successfully bombed and trains, railway stations and bridges damaged. Motor transport on the road was also bombed and machine-gunned.

Free French aircraft raided an enemy encampment 20 miles north of Gondar. Bombs fell amongst buildings and transport.

R.A.F. bombers raided Tripoli on the night of Monday, causing fires followed by explosions among Government buildings and in the harbour.

Dodecanese Raids

Aerodromes at Scarpanto and Calato and shipping at Astropalia Island, in the Dodecanese, were bombed and machine-gunned on Tuesday.

A number of German aircraft on the ground at Scarpanto were severely damaged. At Astropalia, a merchantship received a direct hit and was machine-gunned and other damage was caused at Calato.

From all these operations our aircraft returned safely. — Reuter.

WOMAN IN BLACK MYSTERY

Government departments, her family and friends have searched in vain for The Woman in Black — Mrs. Caroline Maude Mann, aged fifty-seven, of Alberta House, Blackwall Way, Poplar, London, E. — who has not been heard of at her home since she was evacuated by motor coach.

Every Government department that had a hand in the evacuation has tried to find her. So have the Salvation Army and London County Council.

What makes it difficult to trace Mrs. Mann is the fact that she lost her identity card and may not have a new one.

When she left home she was dressed in black and was wearing an identity disc on a necklet.

EVERY BRITISH HOME RECOMES A CASTLE

"UNDER THIS SCHEME every British home is indeed a castle," declared Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, broadcasting last night on the new War Damage Act.

The Act provides for compulsory insurance of property and free limited compensation for destroyed furniture.

HE PIPED AT YPRES

One evening he was just a one-man-band with his pan pipes and his drum, playing in the street. The next evening — "discovered" — he was a star on the concert platform.

I saw him the first evening piping and drumming Scottish jigs and reels (writes a reporter).

Next night, I spoke to the one-man-band, John Codona, at Edinburgh's concert hall. He told me that almost 200 years ago an ancestor brought the first Punch and Judy show to Britain.

"I've played the pipes in Scotland and England for over forty years," said John. "I played them when I was with the machine-guns in the last war. I kept their spirits up at Poperinghe and Ypres."

The Chancellor declared the scheme amply covered everyone. It covered, he explained, not only actual destruction but consequential damage such as that resulting from rain falling through a hole in the roof caused by a bomb.

Those who had already suffered would be treated as if the scheme had been in force since the outbreak of war.

The Chancellor described the Act as an essential part of our answer to Hitler.

HE ADDED: "THE R.A.F. OVER GERMANY ARE GIVING HIM ANOTHER ANSWER WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO GROW MORE AND MORE UNPALATABLE TO HIM." — REUTER.

£2,500 MAN TO £3 JOB

A non-practising barrister who said that at one time he had an income of £2,500 a year, but was left penniless when his father died, and had lately been earning £3 11s. a week as an ambulance worker, has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment for theft.

He was Robert Noel Hill, aged forty-three, who pleaded guilty at Sevenoaks, Kent, to stealing a silver brandy flask, a bottle of brandy, and a gold wristlet watch, together valued at £11 17s. 6d., from Mrs. Una Emmerson, with whom he was billeted at Oak Hill Road, Sevenoaks.

He asked for another offence — obtaining £8 by a trick from Mr. S. B. Coleman, a licensee, of Ranelagh Road, S.W.1, to be taken into consideration.

Hill was stated to have been educated at Malvern and Pembroke College, Cambridge.

He said that up to the age of forty he had nearly everything money could buy, but his father had made no provision for him when he died leaving £600,000.

"I did not want to live on my mother's income, and I got what jobs I could," he added.

He sold everything he had, and when the proceeds were exhausted joined the ambulance service.

He had pawned the articles he took, but meant to redeem them. He had lost his job and presumed there would be repercussions in the Bar Council.

Hill gave notice of appeal against the sentence.

2 MEN ARM ONE SOLDIER

IN THE LAST WAR ONE MUNITIONS WORKER COULD SUPPLY TWO FIGHTING MEN, BUT NOW IT TAKES TWO WORKERS TO EACH FIGHTER.

This is pointed out by Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, President of the Board of Trade in "War Savings," the monthly journal of the National Savings Movement.

"Sooner or later," he writes, "everyone will have to go without something or other which he is accustomed to have — some luxury, some comfort and even some things which our high standard of life in this country has led us to believe are, at any rate, half necessities." This is because more plant, more raw material and more men must be released from the home trades.



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CALLS FOR MERCY FOR THE ITALIANS

HAILE SELASSIE'S famous proclamation to his people last July, appealing for mercy for the Italians, was published textually in London yesterday for the first time at the request of members of Parliament.

The proclamation promised British arms, "of which you are so much in need," and announced that the British Air Force was destroying enemy fortifications.

It proceeds: "I have notified the Italians in Ethiopia, who are now completely encircled, that they should surrender to save themselves useless destruction."

"Therefore I charge you solemnly to receive kindly and protect those Italians who may surrender."

Honour And Good Name

"Do not retaliate with the cruelty which was inflicted on our people but show yourselves honourable and humane soldiers."

"Do not forget that when the valiant Ethiopians made Italians captive at battle they handed them to their Emperor without doing them any harm, thus earning for Ethiopia honour and a good name."

When the proclamation was circulated in the Commons, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Labour) suggested Government should publicly express appreciation of the "generous and statesmanlike policy followed by our ally, the Emperor of Ethiopia, despite the many cruelties of the Italians against his subjects."

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, agreed it was "a valuable document which should be read with all consideration." — Reuter.

AN UNEVENTFUL FLIGHT

"We landed safely after an uneventful flight."

So ended a pilot's report describing a raid on Germany. During this "uneventful" flight he narrowly missed a balloon barrage before reaching his target.

When he arrived his bombs were dropped with such accuracy that they landed almost plumb in the centre of a large factory. On looking down he saw the factory catch fire, and within a few seconds huge flames were forcing their way through the windows. Later on the pilot saw the entire building enveloped in the fire, yet the fire was "uneventful" to him, just the result of a routine job.

Another pilot, with a greater sense of what is eventful and what is not, began his description with the fact that the weather was magnificent and that there was a good clear moon. When he was some miles from the target he came down out of the clouds and flew at about 1,000 feet above the snow covered hills. He soon found the river he was looking for, and flying in and out of the low clouds he went up and down the valley, along the river and railway line. In due course he came across his target; he recognised it by the large factory sheds, with the central shed dwarfing the others. There was a railway line near as well as a large station.

He at once dropped his bombs, and his rear gunner reported that two of them had hit the main shed. The crew felt and heard the huge explosion which followed; indeed the flash lit up the cockpit.

Circling round and looking down, the pilot saw that the roof

JAPANESE SEIZURE OF S.N.R.

SIR J. S. WARDLAW-MILNE (CONS) ASKED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY WHAT PROVISION HAD BEEN MADE TO PROTECT BRITISH BONDHOLDERS OF THE SHANGHAI-NANKING AND TIENTSIN-PUKOW RAILWAYS IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE CONCERNS WERE BUILT WITH BRITISH MONEY AND WERE NOW CONTROLLED BY A JAPANESE COMPANY WITH REVENUES OF A MILLION YEN MONTHLY.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the British Government repeatedly had made representations in respect of both railways, requesting that an arrangement should be made to meet obligations to British bondholders and allow the British railway staff to function in accordance with the provisions of the loan agreements.

"I regret that no satisfaction has yet been received," he concluded. — Reuter.

NOT EXACTLY IMPRESSIVE

The Swiss newspaper "Bund" says that Yugoslavia's adherence to the Axis Pact does not so much mean her recognition of the new European order as official recognition of Yugoslavia by states forming part of the new order.

The "National Zeitung" says one can no longer help feeling that the rush to join the Axis Pact is not exactly impressive and is more the result of strategic and geographic situation of the states involved than an expression of honest enthusiasm at incorporation in a hierarchy of states in which small peoples must serve the political and military necessities of the leading great powers. — Reuter.

of the main shed had been blown right off, and that red flashes were shooting out of the windows; one of the nearby sheds was completely destroyed. He then set course for home.

ITALIANS CONFER WITH JAPANESE

The Italian Ambassador in Tokyo had a half hour conversation on the international situation, with particular reference to Japan-Italian relations, with the Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ohashi, yesterday afternoon, (says Reuter).

KNOWS HIS ONIONS!

Mr. H. J. Hutchinson, a Selby (Yorks) farm worker, has gathered fourteen stones of onions after sowing one ounce of seed — a 3,000-fold increase.

EL AGHEILA MOVE CAUSES NO ANXIETIES

LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE is attached in London military circles to the announcement in yesterday's Cairo communique that a small enemy detachment had occupied El Agheila — one of the farthest outposts of the British defence in Libya, some 180 miles from Benghazi.

Certainly there is no cause for apprehension. El Agheila is but a small village and before the war had a population of only about 1,000 of whom ten were Italians.

There is, however, a landing ground for aircraft and a small wireless station.

We had only a small patrol reaching out to El Agheila and

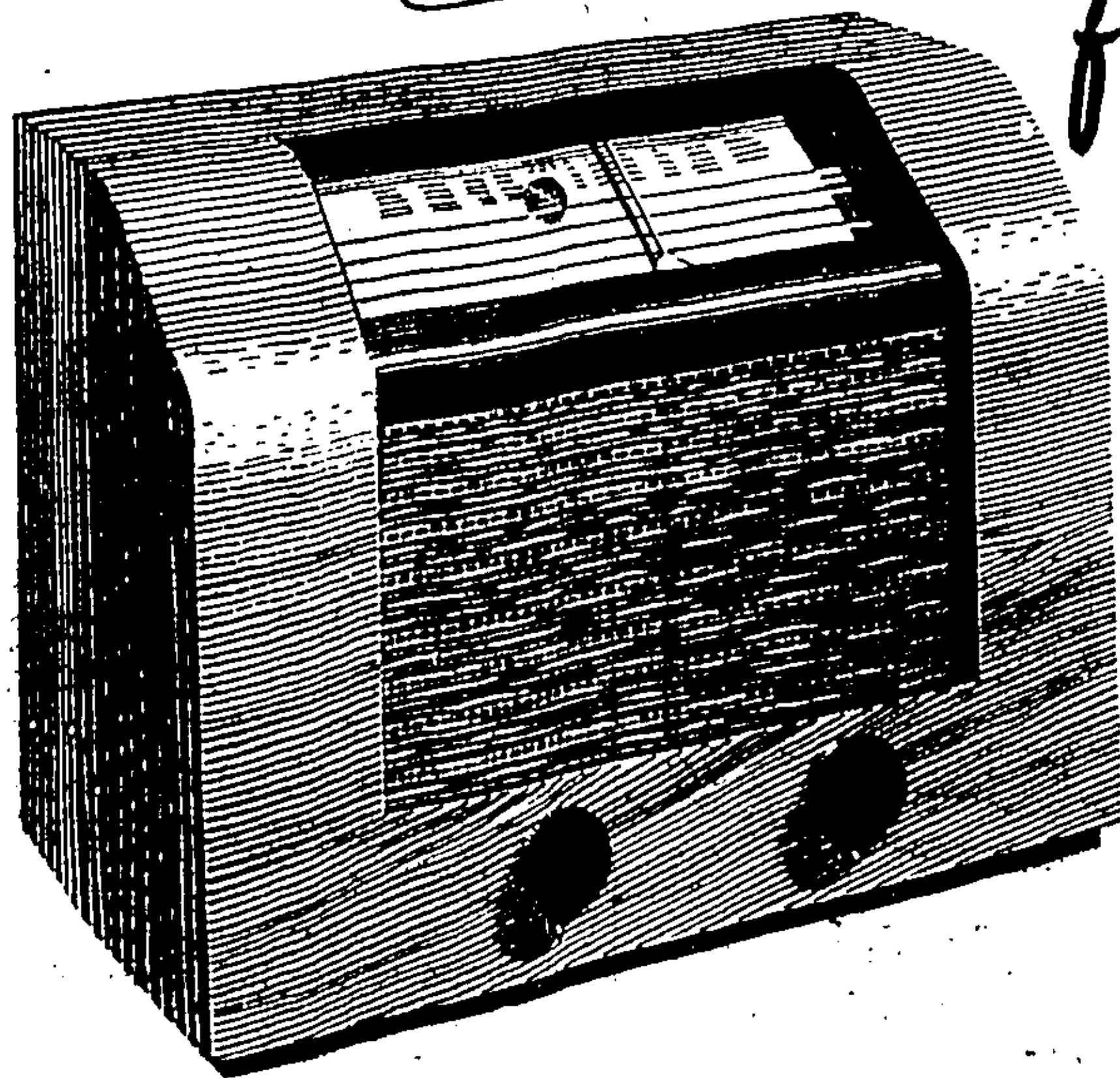
this had been withdrawn before the small enemy force took possession.

The Germans have claimed that the place was occupied by the "German African Corps" but so far information reaching London would suggest that this "corps" is nothing more than an armoured vehicle or two which are acting as a sort of advance post. — Reuter.

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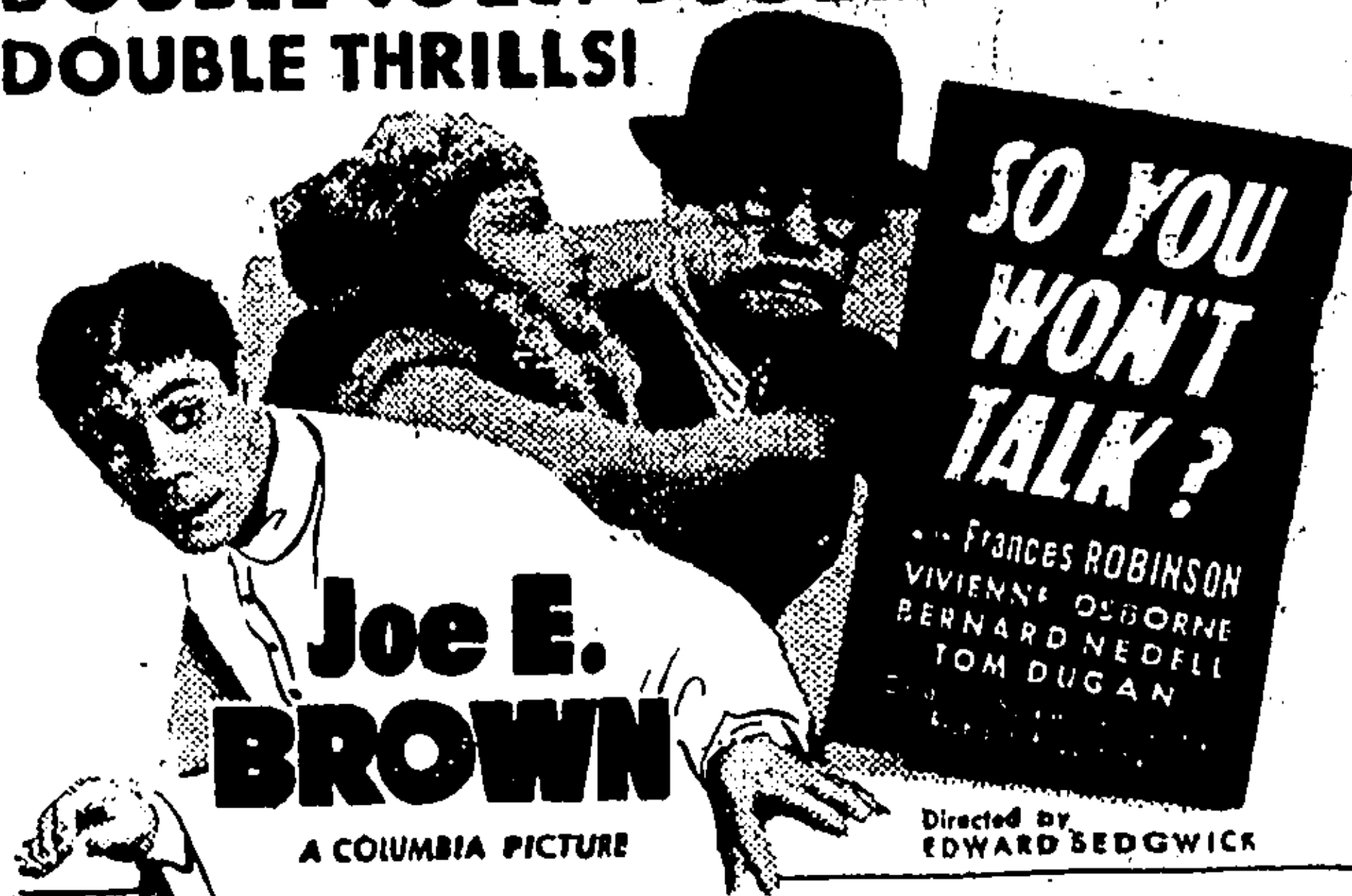
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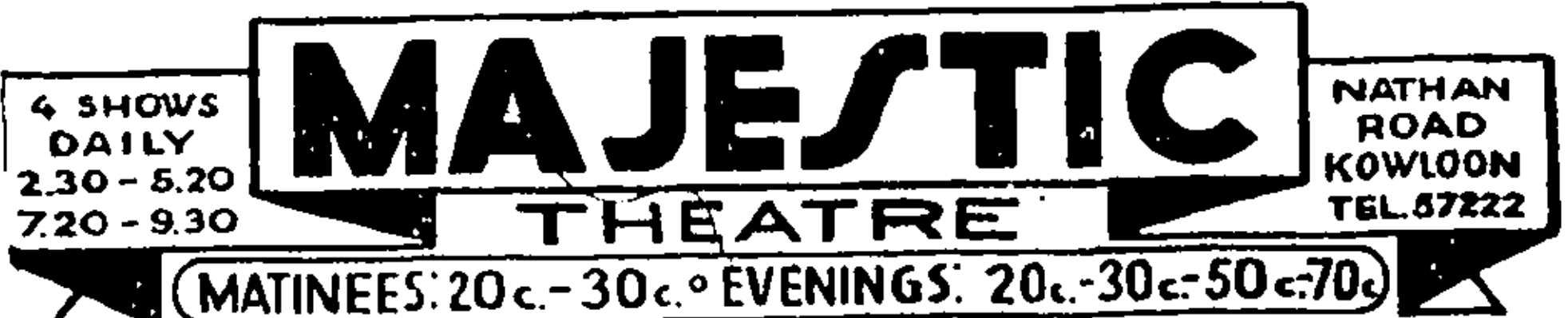
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"We sighted a formation of about 20 Italians, all of the C.R.42 fighter type, as they were approaching the coast," said an R.A.F. pilot who accounted for two of them.

"I attacked one as he did a stall turn to avoid me, fired a few seconds burst at 100-150 yards' range, and saw him spiral down and crash into the sea. After firing at two more, I noticed another Italian making a dash back for the French coast.

"I overtook him, and gave him a few short bursts from dead astern. He burst into flames and went down into the sea like a spent rocket."

Another of the victorious pilots picked out a straggler flying to one side of the main enemy formation. "I opened fire at 100 yards, closing to 50 yards," said this pilot, "and he went down in flames and a cloud of black smoke.

"After shaking off four more C.R.42's which were attacking me, I fastened on a lone Italian and gave him a five seconds burst from astern. He turned to the right and I gave him another burst, lasting four seconds. He went down in a spin, smoking badly, and joined his predecessor in the sea."

The fifth Italian was claimed by the third member of the patrol. "I was rather late in joining in the dog-fight," he said, "but when a C.R.42 flew right under my nose, I gave it a short burst from astern. What appeared to be petrol came from the top wing and the machine almost immediately went down out of control and crashed into the sea. I went on to attack another C.R.42 but though it too went down out of control, we didn't actually see it crash so we are not claiming that one."

**STILL
READY TO
WED HIM**

With fifty guests already invited, a twenty-three-year-old hairdresser called off her wedding when she discovered the man she loved had a wife still living.

But later in Liverpool Police Court it was stated that as soon as the man can get a divorce she is still ready and willing to marry him.

The prospective bridegroom, Sydney Myer Franks, forty-one-year-old clerk, of Rodney Street, was fined £5 for falsely declaring himself a bachelor for the purpose of procuring a marriage.

He married his wife, Clara Alexandra Franks, in 1918, and lived with her only three days.

Last year he met Lena Lewis of Southport, the hairdresser.

Franks said he thought his marriage had been dissolved owing to his wife's bigamy.

Mr. D. H. Mace, defending him, said: "I allege against the real wife that she has married at least three times since her marriage to Franks."

Detective Henry Smith said Mrs. Franks had not been charged with bigamy.

"The reason is that Franks has been out of England," suggested Mr. Mace.

"Possibly one reason," replied the detective.

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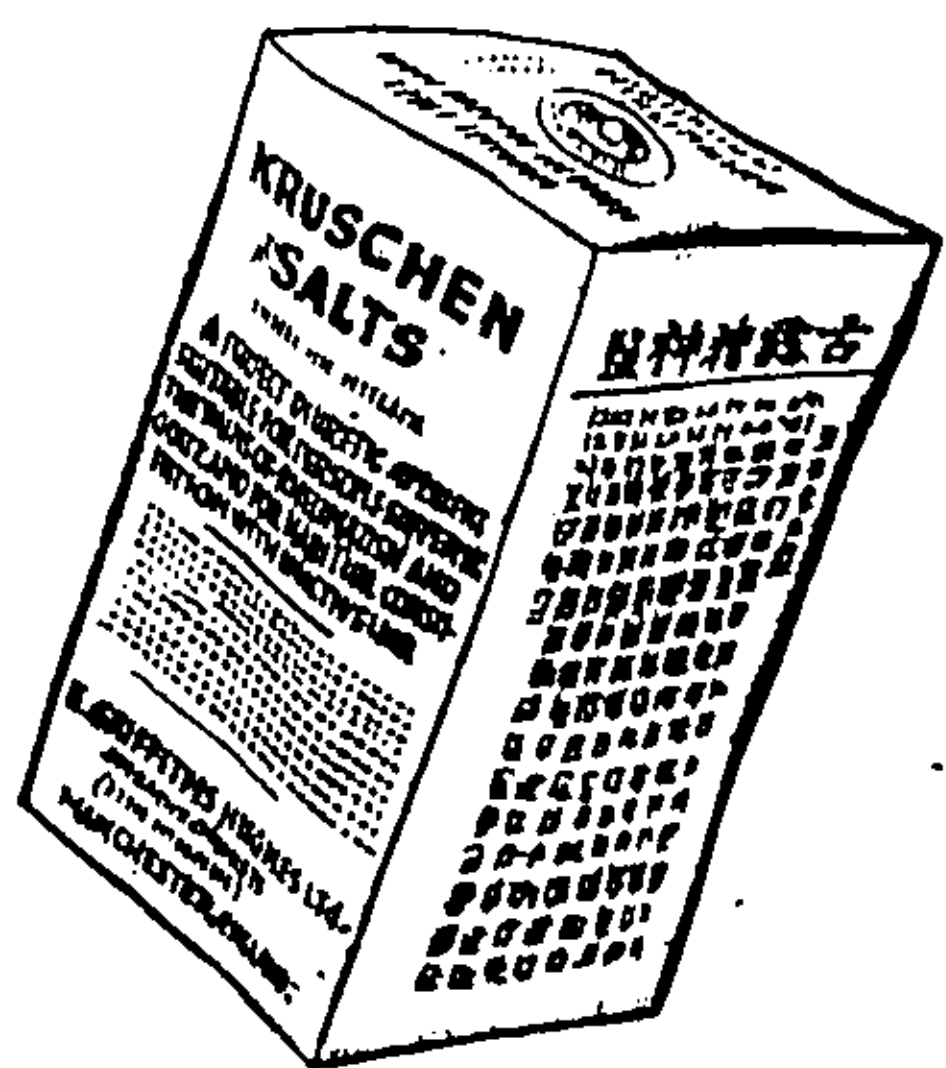


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MODEL CITIES IN THE NEW BRITAIN

(By A Special Correspondent)

A BLUE PRINT of the new Britain that is to take shape after the war has been handed to Winston Churchill by Lord Reith. If it is approved by the Cabinet, it will be part of the wider plan that the Minister of Reconstruction, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, will be guided by.

The plan recommends drastic decentralisation of London and all Britain's big cities. It involves the compulsory acquisition of property. It will, wherever possible, spread industry over wide areas instead of crowding them together as at present.

It proposes the unification of electricity supply, the present grid system being reorganised into a vast power utility corporation that will supply cheap and abundant power to the smallest farmer and the largest manufacturer.

Better Services

The same principle is advocated in the Reith plan for water, gas and other public services.

National co-ordination of transport, so that rural and country districts will be as well served as the towns, is also suggested.

The scheme for a scientific system of roads and highways to cover the whole country is part of the plan to bring to country and rural areas all the amenities of town life, while retaining as far as possible the character of the country.

Suggestions for assisting and developing agriculture on entirely new and scientific lines, including wide schemes of land drainage and reclamation, are also made.

Lord Reith states that hospitals should be moved from crowded areas into the country, just leaving emergency and out-patient departments in the big cities.

Long Document

He calls for a general review of the powers of local authorities to secure uniformity in taxation, administration and the planning of town and country.

The Reith plan is a long and comprehensive document involving a mass of complicated legislation.

Because of this, it is expected that after the Cabinet has seen it and approved its general principles, it will be left to Mr. Greenwood, the Minister of Reconstruction, to prepare the legislation necessary to put it into operation.

PLUCKY BRIDE TO WEAR RED

The bride will wear red at a wedding which will be the happy ending to a romance begun in a flower shop.

Second-Lieutenant Patrick Reid, R.A., called at Elaine Goddard's flower shop in King's Road, Chelsea.

"That was the beginning," said Miss Goddard. "It was love at first sight."

Miss Goddard told the story of her romance as she tried on her wedding costume of deep red velvet.

"Some time after that meeting I had to take my two nieces to America. We became engaged before I went."

"Then, three months later, Patrick cabled asking me to come home at once and be married."

"I managed to get the last available seat on a plane, but had to take a boat from Lisbon."

"It took us seventeen days to come from there in convoy. We were chased by submarines and attacked by planes. One boat was sunk."

"Why a red wedding dress? It's my favourite colour."

The wedding will take place at Chobham Parish Church, Surrey.

SHE IS U.S. "CINDERS"

Little Anna Sklepovich, daughter of a poor Polish immigrant, was hailed as the American Cinderella after she had joked and laughed with the President while diplomats and politicians waited at the White House.

And at night, clad in a new silk dress, Anna, who is thirteen, was an honoured guest at the President's magnificent birthday ball.

In a miserable little shack home in Gary, West Virginia, where her father is a coal-mine mechanic, Anna picked up a newspaper and discovered that the President's birthday is on the same date as her own. So, on a grubby scrap of paper, she wrote to the President, telling him this and wishing him happy returns.

In reply, a polite official acknowledgment from the White House Secretary arrived at Anna's home. It was first opened by Anna's brother, who for a joke added the postscript.

"We would like Anna to come to the White House and see the President."

Believing the postscript genuine, Anna's parents spent all their money in taking Anna to Washington, where they called at the White House.

On presenting the letter they were told the invitation was not genuine.

Then Mrs. Roosevelt heard of Anna's call and told the President.

They sent officials searching Washington for the girl from Gary, West Virginia, and late at night Anna was found.

"MATCH-BOX" LOVE, IN COURT

Seventeen-year-old Ida Sawrey, of Haverigg, Millom, Cumberland, was stated by the prosecuting counsel at Carlisle to have proposed to a married man that they should go away together.

The man, thirty-one-year-old Fred Whitworth, a motor-driver, charged with abducting the girl, was bound over for a year. "They were infatuated with each other," said counsel, "and sent messages in match-boxes." When arrested Whitworth said, "She was willing to go away. I would marry her now if I had a divorce."

FORTUNES IN OPIUM

**Lou Sing's 6 Pounds
Worth £1,100**

When Lou Sing Fatt, aged 29, a Chinese seaman, was sent to prison for two months at Liverpool for possessing six pounds of prepared opium, it was stated that "tremendous profits" were being made from the sale of the drug.

Mr. H. R. Blamer, prosecuting, said that the six pounds of opium were worth £1,100.

"A piece not the size of a postage stamp and weighing ten grains is sold to smokers for 5s," he said.

Mr. Blamer said that Fatt came to England as the survivor of a torpedoed Dutch steamer.

Fatt, when charged, was alleged to have said, "Me very sick man Me have opium to eat."

TOLD OF HER LOVE IN SONG

SONG TITLES were used at a troops concert by Newcastle-on-Tyne panto girl Patricia Stainer to tell a young flying officer of her love for him. The airman started it when he accompanied her to a dance.

The band played "Am I For You?"

"That's what I want to know," he whispered. "Am I for you? Please tell me."

But Pat had not quite made up her mind. "Come along to the R.A.F. concert at — next week," she replied. "I'll be in the show and you'll know by the songs I sing how I feel about you."

Anxiously the flying officer took his seat in the front row on the night of the concert and waited impatiently for the answer to his great question.

Last Song Was Cue

At least Pat took the floor. "Queue for Romance" was her

first song that kept the airman still in suspense.

Her next was "It All Depends On Me." And that didn't help any.

Finally, smiling into his eyes, she gave him her reply. "You've Done Something to My Heart."

Pat told a reporter: "I was just teasing him, by making him wait for the answer until the last song."

"On Saturday I am going back to my job with Portsmouth A.R.P. which I left for a few weeks to take part in the panto 'Goody Two Shoes.'"

"It's not so good being parted from John so soon, but we both have jobs of work to do. Anyway, there'll be a song in my heart when I go back. 'We'll Meet Again Some Sunny Day.'"

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FRENCH CONVOYS

The passage of convoyed French ships through the Straits of Gibraltar is relatively unimportant. It is when they seek to return that the test will come. Plainly, this is the first tentative implementation of the Darlan statement: "I will let nothing stand in the way of the French people's eating," when he warned that the French fleet would be used to convoy ships past the British blockade.

They were brave words, but, unfortunately for the admiral, they had a hollow ring. As recently as February 12, in Paris, "a reliably informed individual who formerly held an important position in the Vichy government"—Pierre Laval, in all probability—gave the show away to the United Press. He said that Vichy had been warned by Germany that it must use its colonies to the utmost to relieve shortages of food and raw materials—in other words, to break the blockade by force, if necessary.

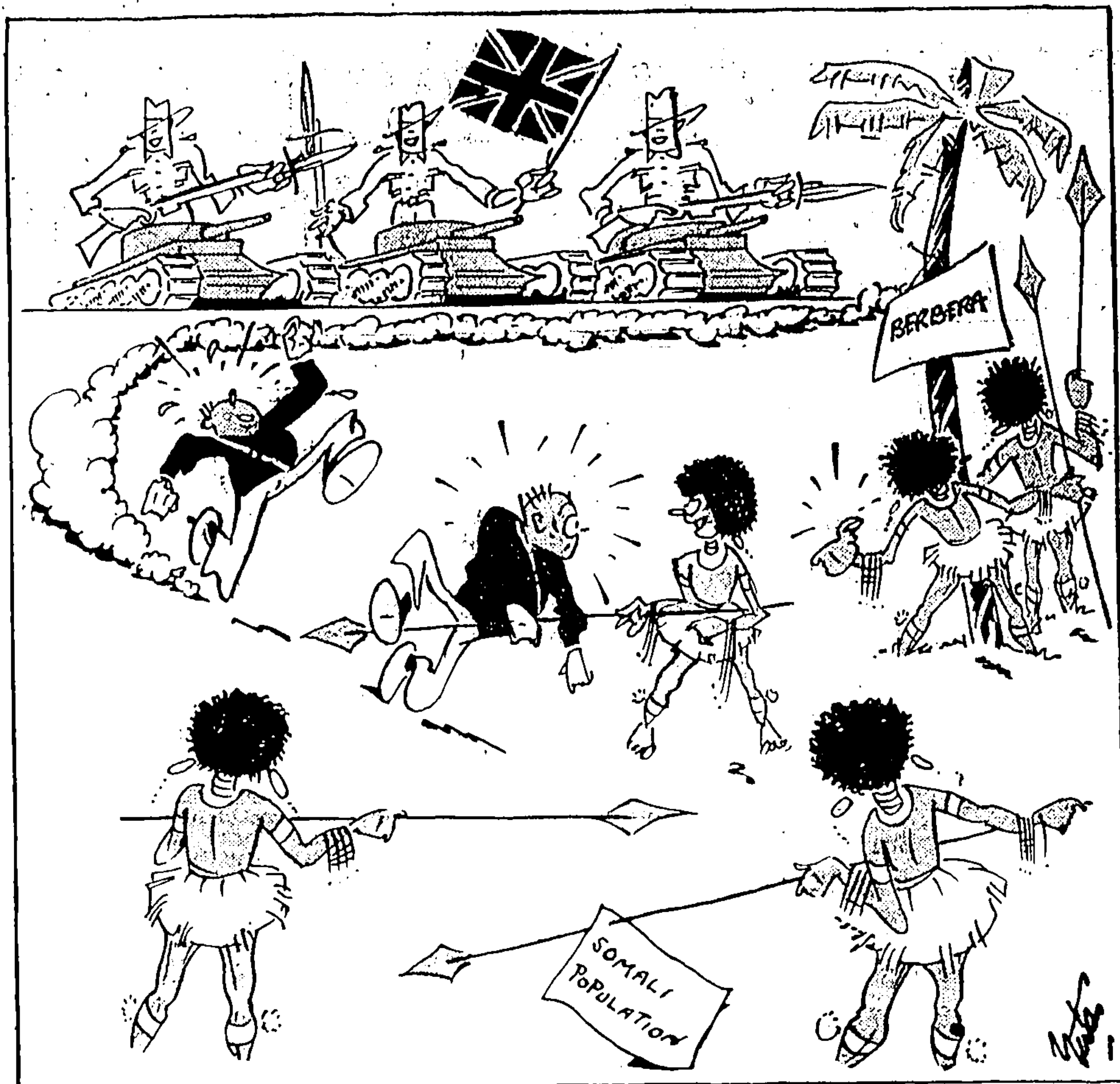
Clearly it is German pressure, and not French hunger—except in so far as that hunger has been purposely aggravated by the Nazi regime—that has inspired Darlan's stand.

This is not to minimise the gravity of the food situation in France. Rations have been cut, and warnings have been sounded with increasing frequency of late that a crisis is at hand. But there can be little doubt in any reasonable mind that this stringency was created in the first place by the Germans, and there is good ground, in view of the statement of the "reliably informed individual" to which we have referred, for believing that the stringency has been deliberately intensified recently to force Vichy into the action which it threatens to take.

That Vichy is anxious to assume the role that Hitler would have it play seems very unlikely. The shattered French fleet would be forced to perform a task that the Germans and Italians have consistently refused—fight the British Navy on the open sea. The measure of Marshal Petain's reluctance to adopt his present stand may perhaps be found in the frequent predictions from Paris in recent weeks that convoys would be employed, and the no less frequent denials from Vichy that such a policy was

contemplated. Doubtless Petain, unlike Hitler, sincerely hopes that Darlan's threat may bring about a relaxation in the blockade without requiring a suicidal fight on the part of the French Navy.

The consequences of open war between France and Great Britain, even over the question of the blockade, might prove disastrous for Petain's government. Nevertheless, Hitler has succeeded in extorting from Vichy a statement that implies the use of French ships against the British—on French initiative—thus contradicting repeated assurances that they would never be so used. To this extent Darlan's announcement is a disturbing revelation of a new tendency in the Admiral.



MORAL FOR HITLER

[The friendly population of British Somaliland contributed importantly to the demoralisation of the Italians and the swift recapture of the Colony. It is significant for its promise of events in Europe in days to come.]

What Is Hitler's New Plan?

By
A Student
Of War

The field of the war looks particularly perplexing at this moment.

Although it is certain that a much greater proportion of the war potential of the Axis than of the British Empire is mobilised, events show that Italy is still incapable of evading damaging blows.

All the defeats of Italy are encouraging, and they will bear the closest scrutiny without yielding any different lesson. What is puzzling is the fact that a minimum satisfaction of Mussolini's aspirations is demanded by Hitler's plan, and there is as yet no suggestion of how he intends to assure it. By this time it is possible he has some doubts whether Mussolini is wholly an asset in the "New Or-

der"; but he is bound to recognise that Italy cannot be allowed to fail without gravely compromising it. The Berchtesgaden arrangements are the fullest recognition of this fact.

Italian East Africa is from its situation compelled to depend upon its own resources. That great colony used its central situation so badly that now it is suffering from its disadvantages. Indeed, so bad does its position appear to be that it is wise to take the minimum interpretation of events, since the Italian commander has considerable resources at his disposal. But, however, we minimise them, recent movements are unquestionably significant.

It is the situation in Albania that is most humiliating to Italy and as a consequence to Germany.

The Italian Command is again being reorganised; but so far the Greek campaign has proved the grave of Italian reputations. Reinforcement should be easy, in spite of the interference of British and Greek naval units, but the ground at present does not lend itself to the deployment of great forces. It is the more primitive, soldierly virtues that condition the tide of battle.

If the Italians have shown up badly it may be because their heart is not in the war; but much of the earlier lack of success was undoubtedly due to faulty training and tactical incompetence.

In the first stages of the campaign there was evidence of a plan; but when Soddou took command and a column was at the very gate of Thessaly he apparently did not know how to press it through. The sole excellence of the Italian soldier that has appeared so far is his ability to hold an almost impossible position under the heaviest disadvantage.

If Hitler wished to salvage the position there he would be more likely to adopt some bold strategy that would promise to revolutionise the whole situation in the Mediterranean. If he were prepared to try his fortunes in the Balkans otherwise inexplicable reports from Rumania might have a meaning.

Gen. List was the commander of the army which operated on the Slovakian sector against Poland. He had in front of him the Carpathians, and it would have seemed that such a frontier could have been held almost indefinitely with adequate troops, sufficiently equipped and correctly disposed. But the barrier gave him little trouble, and it is possible to infer the incompetence of the Polish generals or the brilliance of Gen. List. Even if the whole of the success cannot be attributed to the German, at least he must be reckoned a very able soldier; and unless he is meant for active operations there appears to be no reason for his presence in the Balkans.

For the rest, the Balkans offer attractive strategic possibilities. The movements there may be mere feints; but they have an unusually realistic appearance, and there is an inherent probability behind them.

Further conjecture is unprofitable at present, but it seems certain that if Germany has taken over the bankrupt business of Italy she will be inclined, by every military instinct, to follow some bold plan which will promise swift and striking results. The attempt to prop up the shaky structure of the Albanian campaign on the spot will scarcely appeal to her, though even a Balkan plan may involve the stabilising of resistance against the Greeks.

What is, at least, certain is the tendency of the East to invade the West. Few can have imagined when Italy invaded Greece that the repercussions would travel as far as Berlin. When she entered the war Italy was regarded as a reinforcement and not as a liability. If she had confined herself to the African theatre she might not have accomplished much, as she has given no sign of the understanding of strategy, but at least she would not have been

Hitler's 1918

Eight years ago, I watched Hitler, the new Reich Chancellor, receive, hour after hour, the acclamation of his marching Storm Troops from a spottlit window in the Wilhelmstrasse. On January 30, 1941, I heard him, the conqueror of half Europe, speak to the Germans and promise them decisive victory "this year."

We get little news, these days, of what is happening "inside Germany," and Hitler's last wish is that we should know. His speech was drafted to conceal and cur-

By Douglas Reed

tain everything we should like to know about the German mind—and yet, between the lines, it tells all!

For both he and his Propaganda Minister, Goebbels, emphatically declared that there would never be "another 1918" in Germany. Qui s'excuse, s'accuse. These two sentences betray the vital truth, that our best ally, the memory of 1918, is busy in Germany.

In 1918, after 3½ years of uninterrupted victories, the Germans suddenly found themselves defeated. No German has ever forgotten that; those who are too young to remember have been told by their parents. The very words "Nineteen-Eighteen" are a language, a menace, a verdict and a grim warning to every German. With every day that passes and does not bring Victory (as distinct from victories) the thought of "1918" looms larger in the German mind, like a black thundercloud on the horizon.

Thus these two sentences, designed to banish fear and reassure, show what is happening "inside Germany" and in the German mind.

Hitler to-day, like all his people, must hear the words "Nineteen-Eighteen" in his nightmares. He has won even greater victories than Ludendorff had won by 1918—but he still has not gained Victory. He knows what his people are thinking and waiting for, the doubt that festers at the back of their minds.

That is why the other revealing passages in his speech are those in which he promised them "decisive blows" this year and swore that the German fighting forces would "compel a decision by hook or by crook" this year.

The blows will fall. He must strike, anyway; it is his last hope. He indicated what the blows will be—savage submarine and aerial warfare, possibly an invasion.

In those few sentences the whole truth about "inside Germany" was disclosed. Hitler knows that 1941 is his 1918, unless he can gain complete Victory. He cannot rise again, on January 30, 1942, and again swear that there will never be "another 1918" in Germany, that, 1942 will bring "decisive victory." By that time the thought and fear of "1918" will be too heavy in the hearts of the Germans.

He must win, by October, or disappear very soon afterwards. And he cannot win.

in urgent need of help from Berlin.

The whole of her contribution to the war has been, in the larger sense, a tragic series of mistakes. If Hitler would only make a similar mistake the end of the war would be seen in a more immediate context.

But is it certain he has not committed it?

In transferring the test to the morale of the civilian population, is he not making the vital mistake that will bring him to defeat? Britain is his main objective. Whatever military pattern his attack upon it takes, and however soon it may come, it will be our morale that will be aimed at.

Even in Belgium, and still more in the battle of France, it was the defeat of civilian morale which in the end wrecked the last chances of a military stand. Britain is made of less responsive material, and when Hitler makes his attack upon her it is upon that rock he will break.

THEY NEVER SAY "NO" TO A WAR PRISONER

(By A London Reporter)

WORKING IN A BLOCK of Mayfair flats, 34 women are sending to our prisoners of war in Germany hundreds of food parcels and book parcels. And when a prisoner wrote asking for a Japanese grammar, instead of being stumped by the request, they were delighted.

The 34 women, headed by Miss Christine Knowles, do all the buying, electing and packing and secretarial work involved.

Five thousand prisoners are cardindexed. Details regarding their families, their likes, dislikes, careers, and special requirements, and the dates and details of parcels sent, are recorded.

Selection Of Six

The cards are cross-filed, too. Thus, if a woman writes (as many do) referring to "my nephew John," John can be looked up in a few moments, even if his name is different.

Each book parcel sent contains six selected books chosen by the men. More than 5,000 prisoners are having sent to them one such parcel a month, and, judging by the acknowledgements received, most of the parcels are reaching their destination safely.

Directly news is received of a man being taken prisoner, he is sent a "first capture" parcel, containing The Little Bible, a draughts board and a novel.

With that goes a special postcard for the man to fill in the names of books he wants.

It is the pride of the department that he will get whatever book he requests, however difficult it is to obtain.

Model Railways

I saw a list of prisoners' wants. From one camp came a request for a book called "The Skull, the Brain and the Spinal Cord." It is a medical book. The man who wants it is a doctor. He also wants a book about children's model railways. He will get both.

From the same camp came requests for books on theatre personalities, figure skating, heraldry, forestry and racing.

One man wants historical novels; another Ruff's Guide to the Turf. Someone else wants insurance books and lots of novels by Agatha Christie.

The classics and Wild West and detective stories are popular.

Developing Mind

Men write to Miss Knowles telling her many things about themselves. One man stated that he had suddenly realised how badly read he was. Another said that, with her help, he was going to use his time as a prisoner developing a mind he had "hardly used up to date."

Miss Knowles has a good memory. As consignments of books come in she sees them and says, "Yes, medical books... we'll keep those for Major X. Historical novels... yes, Lieutenant Y wants those. Farming books... keep them for Captain Z." "We almost guarantee every book asked for," Miss Knowles said. "Publishers and booksellers have been wonderfully helpful. One man said to me, 'If you get stuck, or anything goes wrong, or you can't get a certain book, just ring me up and I'll fix it.' And he does."

WOMEN SAIL 20,000 MILES

Two women were aboard the American yacht Yankee, which has arrived at Cape Town after voyaging 20,000 miles from Gloucester (Mass.) in fifteen months.

They are Mrs. Irving Johnson, the captain's wife, and Miss Norah Bailey, a young "coed." Most of the crew of eighteen were students.

NAZI WOMEN FEAR FRENCH RIVALS

According to the Berlin correspondent of the Chicago "Daily News," the latest problem which faces the Nazi leaders is to convince the women of Germany that their husbands are not succumbing to the blanderishments of the ladies of France.

An article in the current issue of the Schwarzkorps scolds irresponsible gossipers, and offers "relief and comfort to hearts which are unnecessarily tortured." It says:

"No, dear German women, there is nothing in the story of the warrior from the north who succumbs to the charms of the deceiving siren and, like Tannhauser in the Venusberg mountain, forgets his own home in the process."

German wives, the article adds, "know, of course, that their men would not behave improperly, but the worm gnaws at their hearts, and next time their men come home and do not sleep because the coffee they bring with them is too strong, then it is the charming French women who have appeared to them in their sleep."

"BURY ME UNDER A TREE," PILOT ASKS

Pilot Offr. P. K. Bone, Barton-on-Sea, Hants, who died on war service in France in May, stated in his will dated the same month:

If I die in friendly territory I should like to be buried, not in a cemetery, but under a tree in the country in a position on a hill overlooking a pretty view. I realise that this will present some difficulties, but would much like it to be carried out if possible.

The amount of the estate was £1,035.

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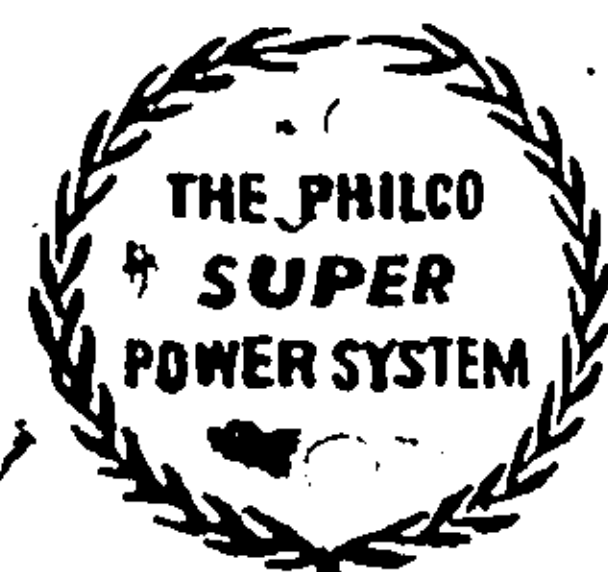
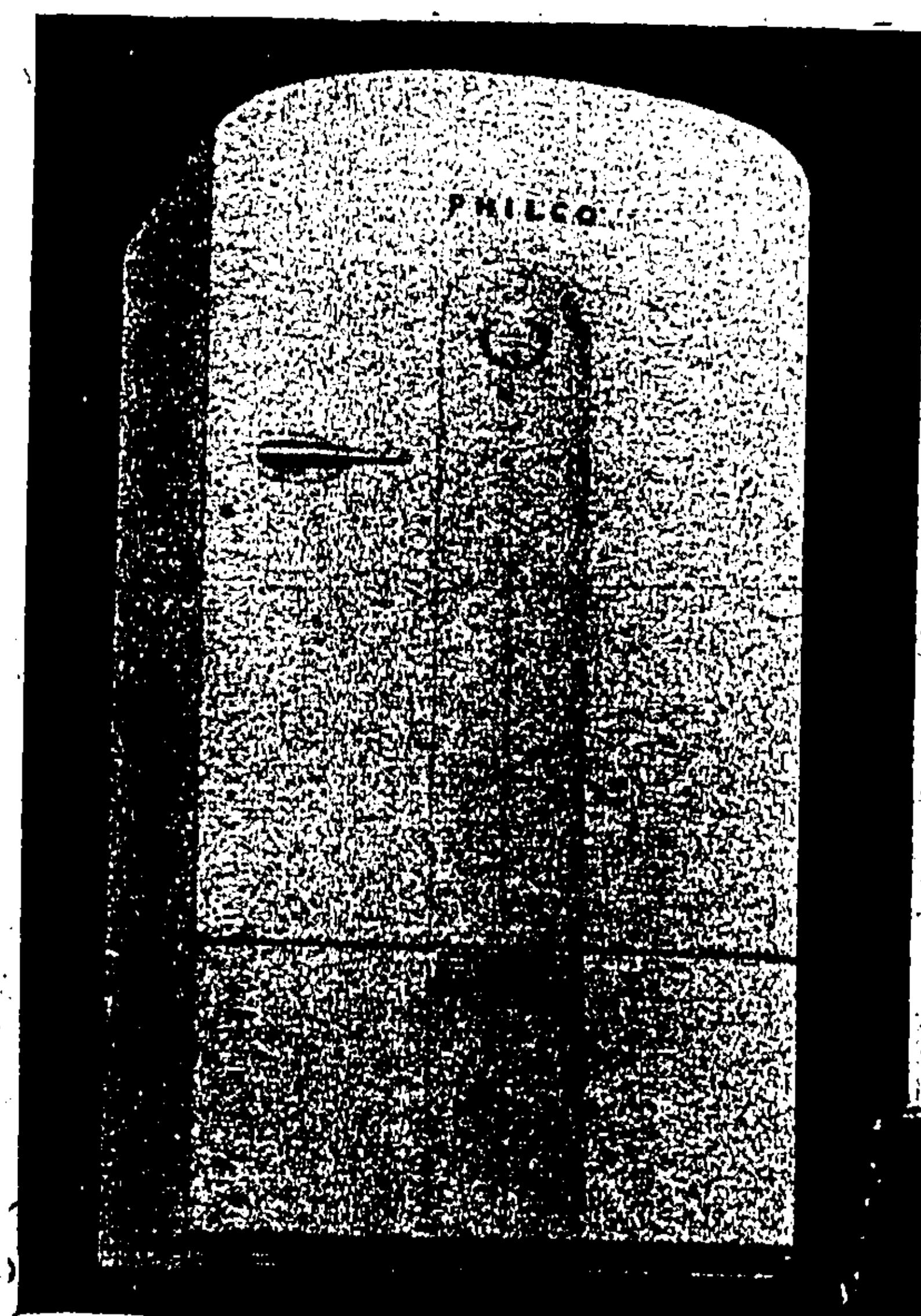
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THE HONG KONG BREWERY & DISTILLERY, LTD.

27th March, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 29th March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th March, 1941.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 31st day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Island Road, Tylam Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with a option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rent	Upset Price
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The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$750 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 14th March to the 28th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1941.

By Order of the Board,

J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director.

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HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., will be held in the Board Room of the Company, 2nd Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March 1941, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting convened for noon on that day shall have terminated, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:—

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:—

"95. The Directors of the Company shall not be less than six and not more than ten in number."

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By Order of the Board,

J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1941.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1941, to THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 16th March, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

Crime Doesn't Pay! No. 36

By The Four Aces

Expert sleuths will detect two crimes in to-day's hand:

North, Dealer

Both sides vulnerable

♠ K 8	♥ A 10 9 6 2	♦ Q J 8 7 2	♣ K
♠ Q J 5 4	♥ 7 3	♦ 10 9 6 2	♣ K J 5 3
♠ 8 7	♥ 6 3	♦ A 10 7 6	♣ 4 3
♠ A 10 9 6 2	♥ Q 4	♦ A K 10 9 4	♣ Q

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the eight of hearts, dummy winning with the Ace. Two round of trumps were followed by the two top spades and a spade ruff.

With a 3-3 spade break, South could have returned to his hand with a trump to discard dummy's club on a long spade; but the 4-2 break barred the waste of any of dummy's trumps. He therefore returned a low heart from dummy, but East put up the heart King and hastily returned a club. Down one!

Two Bridge crimes have been committed in front of your eyes. See if you can detect them before you read on.

South committed both crimes. The first was in bidding six diamonds. North's original pass made it extremely unlikely that he held enough top-card strength to warrant a Slam bid. Furthermore, South had already shown the full strength of his hand in making the "skip-level" rebid of three diamonds.

The second crime consisted in mugging the Slam when West's unfortunate opening lead had given him a chance to make the contract. The Slam could be made only if a spade could be established for the discard of dummy's losing club. Correct play was to cash the spade King at the second trick, then the spade

NO MORE GIRL MATADORS

Girl matadors have now been banned in Spain, but girls on horse-back will be allowed to fight bulls.

There are only three or four girl bullfighters, the leading one now being Senorita Beatriz Santillano. Last year she had a narrow escape at Bilbao, when her horse fell and she was gored.

The most famous girl matador of recent years was Senorita Juanita de la Cruz, who made £5,000 a year.

The Bullfighter's Union have decided that no matador shall get less than £100 per fight. "Aces" get about £400.

Ace, followed by a high ruff in the dummy of a third spade. Then a trump would give South entry for another high spade ruff. Dummy's fourth trump would return the lead to South, and the rest would be easy. The vital point was to save the trump leads as entries to the South hand.

* * *

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 8
♥ 10 4
♦ Q 5 2
♣ A 6 3

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	Yon	Jacoby
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid three spades. You are not quite strong enough to bid game at once, but feel confident of making game unless your partner has a minimum opening bid. You should therefore leave the choice to your partner.

Score 100% for three spades, 60% for four spades, 45% for two no-trump, 0 for pass.

Question No. 675

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7 8
♥ K 10 4
♦ Q 5
♣ K 6 3

The bidding:

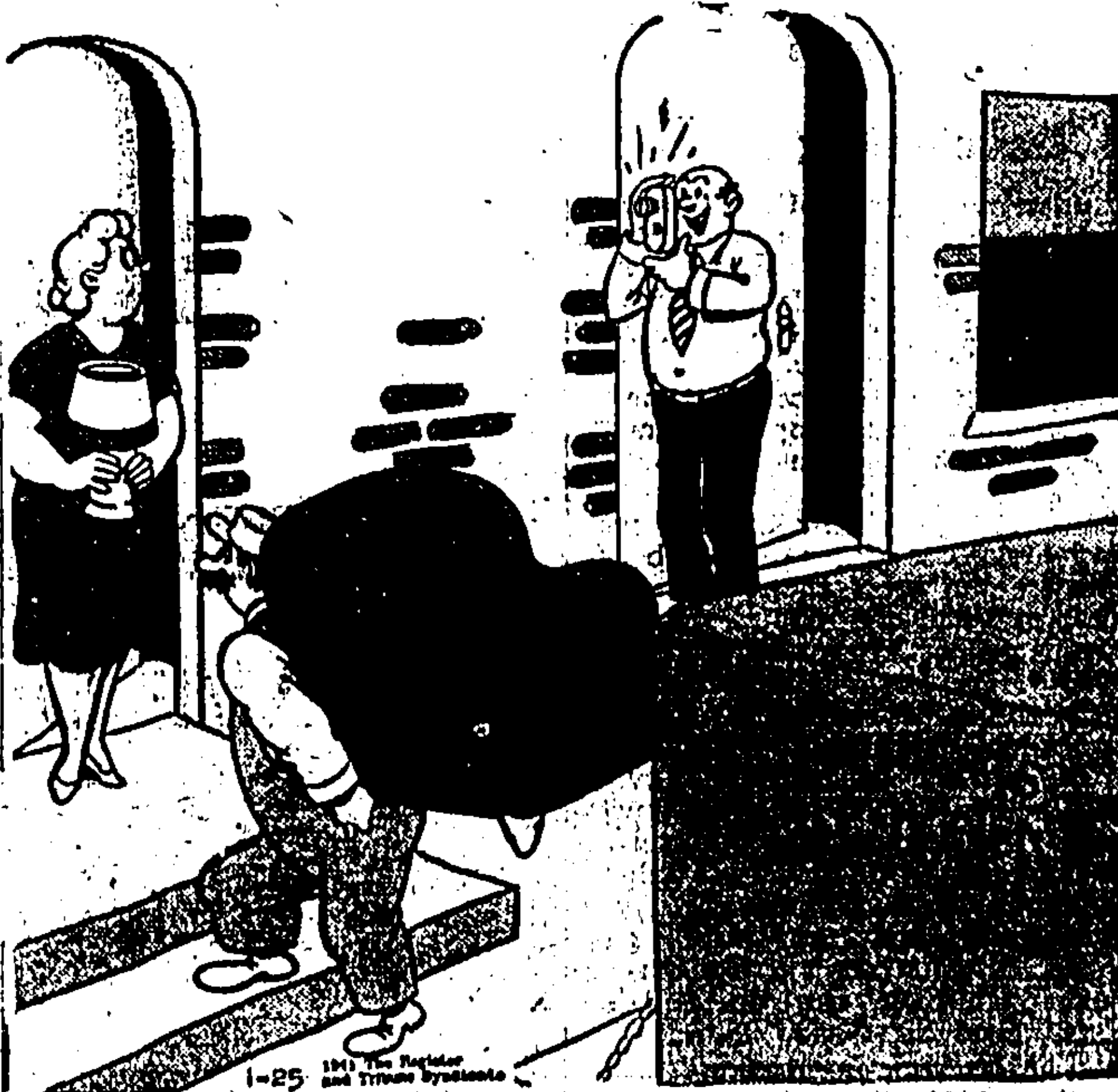
Burnstone	Schenken	Yon	Jacoby
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



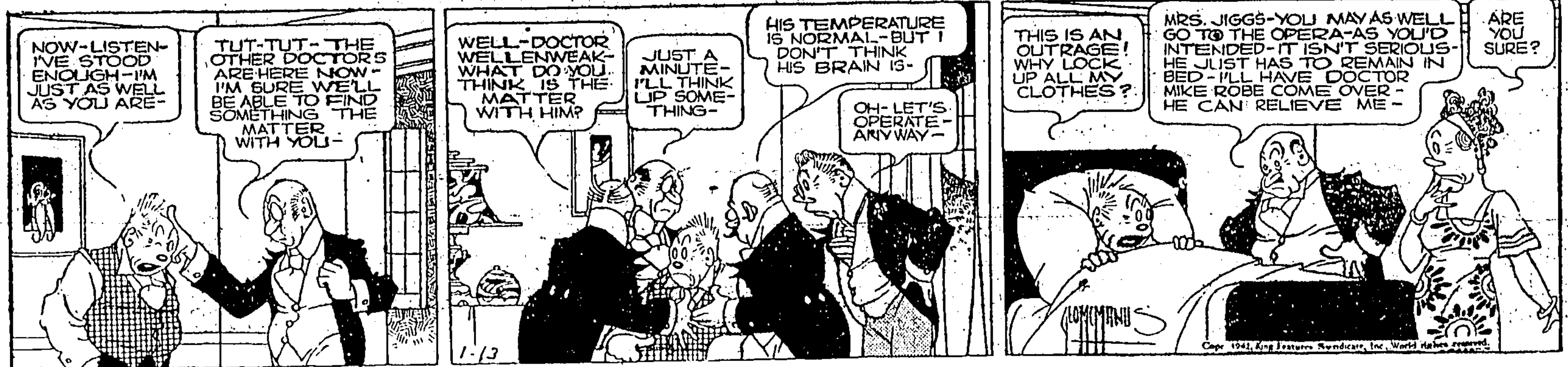
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

How Close Do You Measure?

The choice glamour girl of 1941 stands no higher than five feet five inches in her shoeless feet (two inches shorter, you will note, than choice of past two years) and although she has pleasing curves she will not weigh much over 118 pounds. That is the expert opinion of Miss Gloria Bristol who has been beauty advisor to many outstanding fashionable beauties.

Miss Bristol arrived at this con-

Savory Pot Roast

with a
very special gravy

by Dorothy Greig

IS there, I wonder, any dish to equal the appetite rousing savor of pot roast? Especially on a cold night?

You can't be hasty or slap dash about a pot roast. In cooking, it demands its full need of minutes and quarter hours. But finally in all good time it reposes on the platter, fork tender, with little rivulets of juice oozing from its



glistening sides. Served with a gravy of full bodied flavor, pot roast is a noble dish:

- 4 pounds beef, rolled
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 1/2 cup suet or 3 tablespoons fat
- Vegetables (2 carrots, 1 stalk celery, 1 medium onion)
- 1 can condensed tomato soup

A cut of beef from round, rump, chuck or shoulder is used for pot roast.

Mix the flour with the salt and pepper. Wipe the meat with a damp cloth, then dredge with flour and seasonings. Melt the suet or fat in a heavy pan and sear ends and sides of the roast.

Place the seared roast on a low rack in the bottom of a heavy kettle or Dutch oven. (Beef bones may be placed in bottom of kettle and roast set on those, if rack is not available.) Cut the vegetables in pieces and put them in pan in which meat was seared. Cook in the fat for about ten minutes, then add one cup of hot water and pour all over the roast. Cover tightly and cook for two hours, turning occasionally. (The juices come out of the meat and roast finally cooks in its own juices.) Then add one can of condensed tomato soup and cook another hour.

Gravy for Pot Roast

Strain the vegetables out of the drippings and liquid from pot roast. Skim off fat.

- 4 tablespoons fat
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 3 cups liquid (meat juices and tomato soup from roast)

Cook the flour in the fat until frothy. Then add three cups of liquid, meat juices from roast with water added if necessary to make three cups of liquid. Add to the fat and flour and cook until thickened. Season if necessary. Serve garnished with mashed potatoes swirled into cone shape.



BRENDA MARSHALL of Warner Bros., has the Madonna-like beauty that typifies the choice glamour girl of 1941.

clusion, and the following ones, after questioning two hundred and fifty men from the social, business and theatrical worlds. Their consensus also seems to indicate that Miss Beauty 1941, will have a bust measurement of 35 inches, a waist 25 inches tiny, and hips not more than 36 inches. Naturally she is small-boned and not too broad shouldered. Gaisty and femininity are characteristics of this damsel, and South America and our own west will be her fashion sources.

Brunettes Favoured At Last

The colouring of this ideal girl is dramatic, claims Miss Bristol, with pale blondes and porcelain-skinned redheads taking back seats this year. The spotlight is on raven tresses, dark eyes, apricot complexion.

She prefers deep red lipstick to highlight her well-shaped lips and make her strong teeth appear whiter. She skillfully plays up her large eyes with black mascara and eye-shadow so her escort will be conscious only of effect—not of means! She needs only a speck of cheek colouring and her dark hair is glossy and never set too elaborately.

Long Hair Getting Votes

Judging from the men's votes long hair is returning to favour, dressed in a simple Madonna-like fashion with a large and graceful chignon at the nape of the neck. (It appears men are tired to death of frizzy, dried hair in limp long bobs).

Regarding features, the small straight nose is preferred and well-formed ears close to the head.

(Many men mentioned ears as beauty features!). The hands of our lovely have long, tapering fingers and very supple wrists. Her nails are nicely manicured, painted in one of the lighter shades and NOT TOO LONG. Toeless sandals will set off the beauty of her foot size 6A, and slim ankles and beautifully curved calves!

How do you measure up? Don't pout too much if you do not fall into this class of beauty. Maybe in 1942 your type will get the votes!



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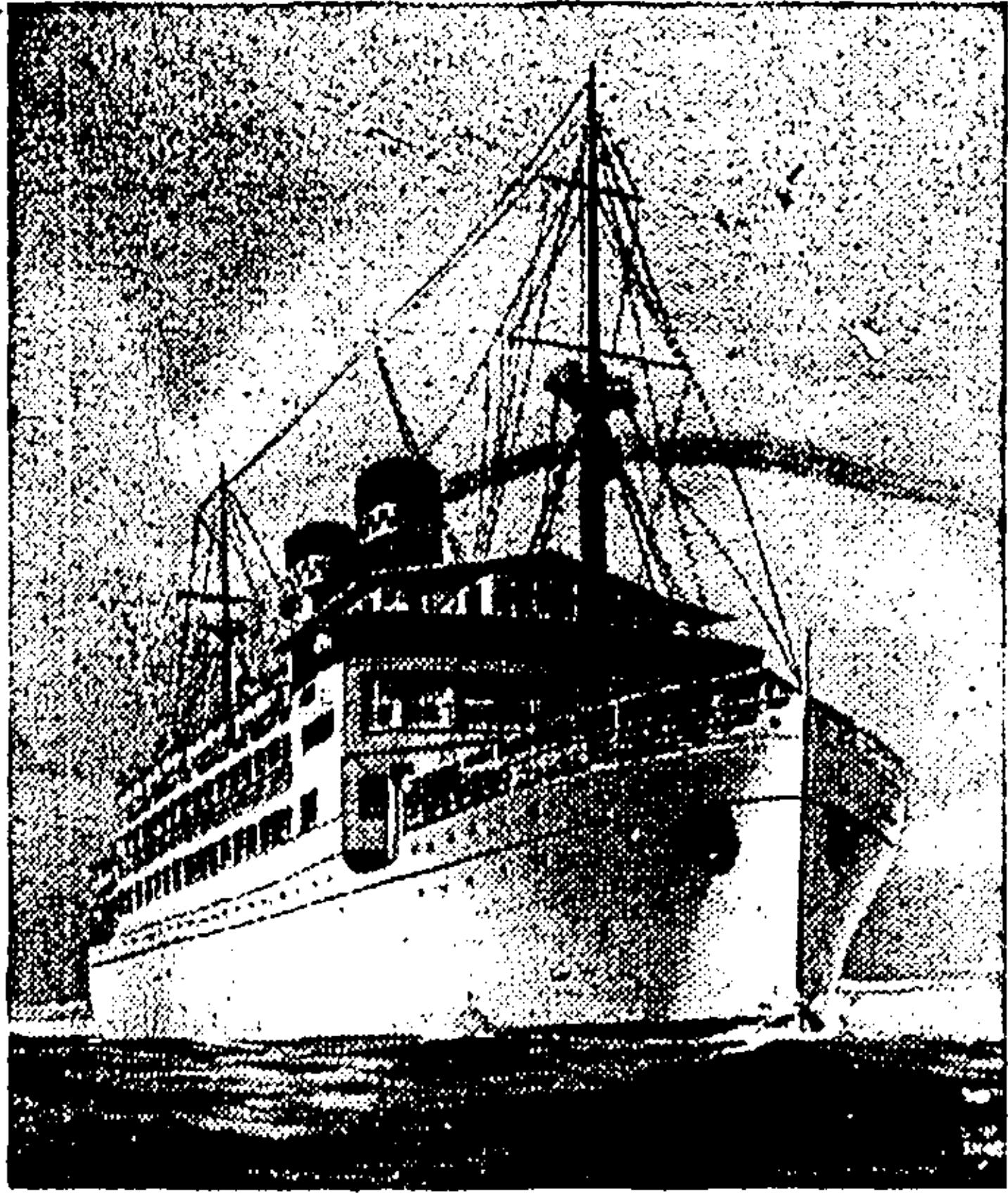
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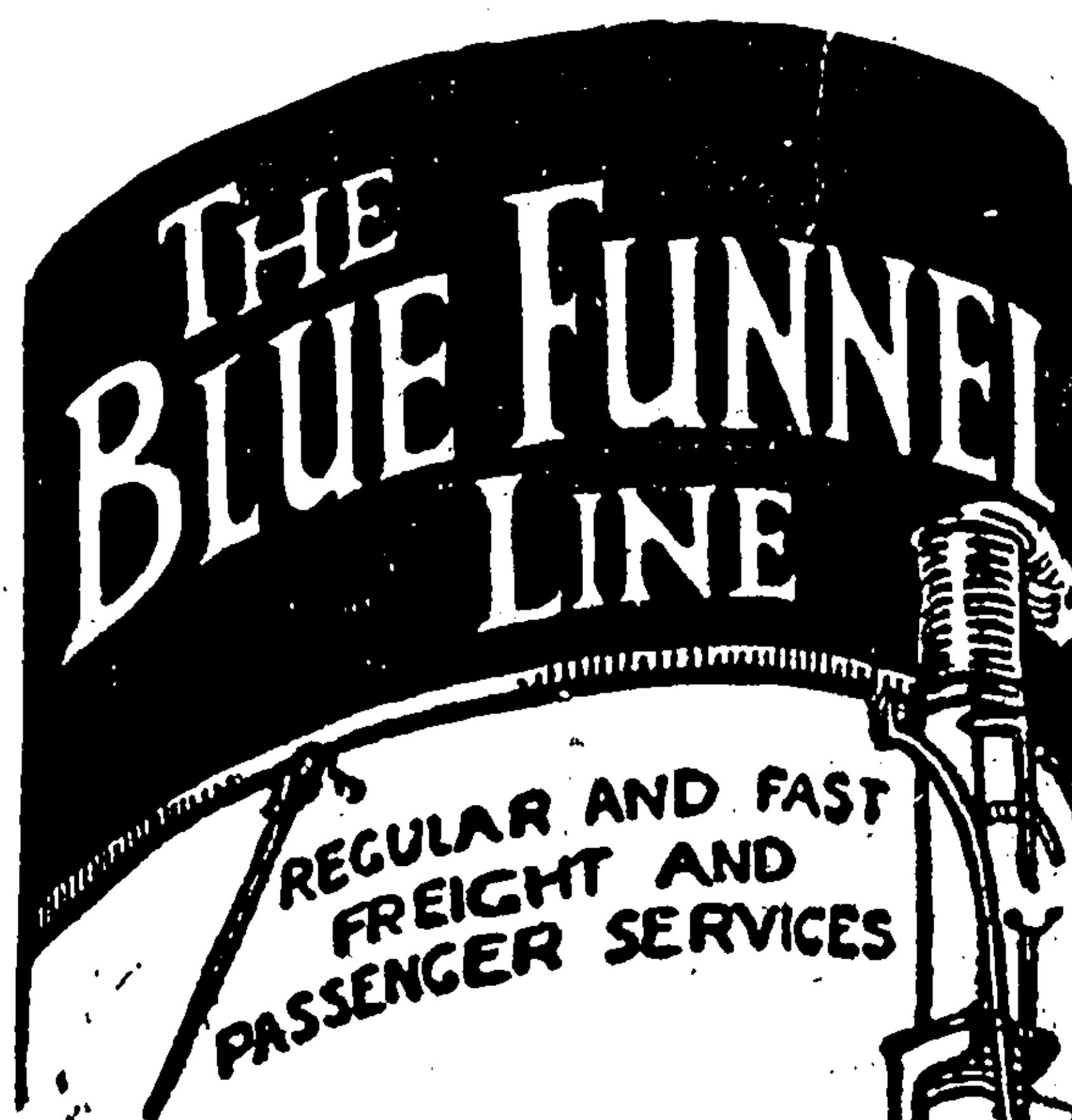
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VILLAGE DIGS ROAD FOR L.L.G.

Every able-bodied man for miles around marched into the little Welsh village of Cerrig-y-Dru-dion before daylight recently, armed with a spade.

Led by the local Home Guard they began to dig through a landslide and other obstructions over ten miles of road and after eight hours' hard work, the job was done.

They did it so that Mr. Lloyd George, on his way to his wife's funeral at Criccieth, could get through in his car.

It began to look as though he would not get through to Criccieth in time for the funeral but the hardy Welsh villagers thought otherwise.

They dug a lane through the landslide, wide enough to take Mr. Lloyd George's car, and he was able to get to Corwen, where he left the car and took a train to Criccieth.

While going through the "lane," the ex-Premier's car was led by another car full of diggers, prepared to make alcoves in the landslide in case any vehicles should be coming in the opposite direction.

PLAYBOY BUILDING A ROAD

Former play-boy of the Turf, Private Gordon Roll, now prisoner of war in Germany, is helping to build a road.

"I am working very hard and keeping very fit," he writes to his brother, the Rev. Sir James Roll.

Gordon also sends a "hot tip." "The war will soon be over now," he says.

Whether you pay attention to the tip or dismiss it as so much youthful optimism depends on whether or not you are a racing fan—always remembering that Gordon is reputed to have lost £30,000 in six months' betting.

"Gordon is very adaptable and easy-going," his mother, Lady Roll, told a reporter. The play-boy picture that most people have of his character is entirely wrong.

"He is really a very serious-minded boy, and I expect that he will settle down to a real job of work when he returns to England."

From Captain Fulke Walwyn's stables at Lambour comes the news that Gordon's famous string of racehorses is no more.

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ROYAL ENGINEERS SECURE ARMY RUGBY DOUBLE

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ROYAL ENGINEERS secured the Army Rugby "Double" when at Sookunpoo on Tuesday they beat Combined Royal Artillery by two goals and a penalty goal (13 points) to a penalty goal (3 points) in the Large Units Army Rugby League.

Sappers have already won the Small Units Rugby League and are hoping to complete the "treble" by winning the Army "Sevens" of which they are the holders.



ARMY LEAGUE CRICKET

The first innings for the Royal Engineers in the Final of the Large Units Cricket Knock Out Competition was completed at Sookunpoo yesterday after scoring 145 runs while the Combined Small Units had only 15 runs for two wickets.

Sapper Bailey was the top scorer with 40 runs to his credit, closely followed by Spr. Tropp with 35 runs.

The game will be continued to-day.

Following is the full scores when stumps were drawn:

ROYAL ENGINEERS				
Tropp, l.b.w., b. Dixon	35			
Ratcliffe, b. Dewar	17			
Pelham, b. Murphy	6			
Megson, b. Dixon	14			
Shaw, c. Webb, b. Dixon	2			
Denyer, b. Dixon	9			
Freeman, b. Dixon	5			
Holliday, c. Coombes, b. Dixon	6			
Bailey, c. Dixon, b. Dewar	40			
Sarnways, c. Gardner, b. Dixon	8			
Goss, not out	2			
Extras (B7, LB3)	10			
Total	145			

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dewar	11.7	3	39	2
Murphy	11	2	42	1
Dixon	9	0	41	7
Coombes	3	0	13	0

COMBINED SMALL UNITS				
Logan, not out	4			
Webb, l.b.w., b. Tropp	2			
Stoner, l.b.w., b. Denyer	1			
Boocock, not out	0			
Extras (B8)	8			

Total (for 5 wks.)	15
Hamlen, Coombes, Murphy, Gardner, Swyer, Dewar and Dixon did not bat.	

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Megson	8	6	2	0
Tropp	4	1	3	1
Denyer	3	2	1	1
Holliday	1	0	1	0

The following will represent Kowloon C.C. against Civil Service C.C. in a Junior League Cricket match at Cox's Road, on Saturday at 2 p.m.:

S. A. Gray (Capt.), E. Curtis, T. A. Madar, K. M. Baxter, W. C. Hung, W. L. Rapley, R. J. Fenton, G. A. Goodban, G. E. Taylor, H. Brokenshire and L. R. Burch. Reserve, Major W. W. Parsons; Scorer, R. Leigh.

C.C.C. CRICKET XI
The following will represent Craigengower C.C. in a friendly Cricket match against St. Joseph's College on Saturday, at Happy Valley at 2 p.m.:

A. M. Omar (Capt.), O. M. Omar, S. Leonard, B. Leonard, E. H. Esmail, U. H. Esmail, L. Chos, A. Hung, T. Lock, T. Edgar and S. B. Solina.

Y.M.C.A. BILLIARDS

The European Y.M.C.A. beat the Royal Engineers by 7 points to 3 in a friendly billiards and snooker match played on Tuesday night.

Scores were:
Billiards—Y.M.C.A.—Terran 150, Jones 150, Eager 150, Total: 450; R.E.—Colonna 106, Davis 80, Thompson 148, Total: 334.
Snooker—Y.M.C.A.—Sykes 82, Neubauer 85, Decoler 98, Total: 245; R.E.—Brannon 80, Mitchell 110, Currie 87, Total: 249.

Play in the first half was on the whole scrappy but in the second period the game was opened out and good movements were seen by the threequarters of both sides.

The forward line of both teams played well.

Prominent players for Sappers' team were Foley, at scrum half, and Sheldrake and Davis in the forward line.

Royal Artillery were without several of their best players among whom were Bompas, Skipwith, Hook and Marsh. The latter will be out of Rugby for some time owing to injuries.

Fairclough played well at back for Gunners while in the forward line Page did well. Richards was seen as a centre threequarters instead of on the wing and played a sound game.

Sappers took the lead in the first five minutes through Foley and Birrell converted. Just before half time they went further ahead through a penalty goal scored by Birrell.

Play improved in the second half and Gunners reduced the lead through Gilliam from a penalty. Sheldrake scored for the Sappers later for Birrell to add the points.

Enviably Record

Sappers have an enviable Army Rugby record. They have won the Army "Sevens" for the last two years and the Inter Unit Rugby League last year. This season the League was divided into two sections and Royal Engineers have now won both.

They have only lost one game in the Army Competition in three years and that against 5th A.A., Royal Artillery, in the first game last season. In the open "Sevens" they were beaten by Club—the ultimate winners—by 8 points to 3 in the Semi-final.

Following players have been playing for them in most of the games for the past three seasons:—Birrell, Foley, Appley, Brinkley, Davis, Sheldrake, T. Jones, Picton and Martin. As these players will probably be here next season it seems that Sappers will again be a force to be reckoned with in Army Rugby.

YESTERDAY'S BADMINTON

Chung Hwa beat King's College by 6 games to 3 last night in the play-off for the "B" section of the Junior Division of the League.

S. B. Chau and W. C. Chung (King's College).
beat C. M. Chiu and F. C. Liang 21—4
beat W. C. and W. H. Choy 21—3
beat P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu 21—11
K. H. Lo and K. J. Atwell (King's College).
lost to Chiu and Liang 12—21
lost to Choy and Choy 19—21
lost to Leung and Chiu 21—24
K. C. Lui and H. T. Wu (King's College).
lost to Chiu and Liang 14—21
lost to Choy and Choy 10—21
lost to Leung and Chiu 21—24

R.E. Soccer Team

Following have been chosen to represent Royal Engineers against Kit Chee at Sookunpoo Ground, on Saturday:
Moxham, Palmer and Tang, Chung-Pak; Chan Ying-Kuan, Shaw (Capt.) and Taylor; Li-Wing-lam; Brian Fox, Pelham and F. Jones.

FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFEREE"

CONGRATULATIONS to South China on winning the First Division Football Championship for the fourth year in succession; in so doing they have beaten the record of the now defunct Chinese Athletic Association.

South China's performance is most praiseworthy when consideration is given to the handicap under which they started through the loss of most of their senior players. This was a sufficient setback but, to make matters worse, most of their promising junior players also left them.

Determination and the spirit of cooperation have done much to enable South China to retain the championship and though much of the credit must go to Lee Wai-tong for his guiding spirit on and off the field, the other players must come in for their share of praise.

Perhaps the happiest man in South China to-day is Mr. Leung Cheuk-wan, manager of the team. Mr. Leung held this post years ago and had retired from active interest in soccer, but he unselfishly came back in the Club's hour of need and has not spared himself in the best interests of the team.

The presentation to him of the ball, used in the Police-South China game and autographed by the players at a dinner following the game, was no mere gesture; it was a token of genuine thanks and appreciation for all he had done for the team and players during the season.

After their easy win over St. Joseph's in the Senior Shield Semi-Final on Sunday, South China hope to recapture the Shield and secure the "double".

Navy astounded their most optimistic supporters on Saturday by beating Eastern, holders, in the

KWONG WAH EASILY BEAT NAVY

By "Sportshawk"

DISPLAYING BETTER combination Kwong Wah defeated Navy by 4 goals to 1 in the Second Division of the Football League at Boundary Street yesterday afternoon, after leading at the interval by two clear goals.

Navy made several changes, bringing Mann to take over Anderson's position on the left-wing while Birch was seen on Bennett's position at inside-right. Bennett was seen in the intermediate-line.

Docherty was out in his best form, although he played a fairly good game between the sticks and in the first period saved several good shots.

Winter, at right-back, was the mainstay of the sailors' defence.



Semi-final of the Senior Shield Competitions. It was generally expected that Eastern would be able to win but Navy upset their calculations by their determination and hard play.

The Final against South China, if Navy have the same team, should be keenly contested.

While the First Division championship has been decided, the titles for Second and Third Divisions are still in the air, though Engineers and Air Force are the best placed for Second and Third Divisions respectively.

Signals dropped a very valuable point when they drew with 7th A.A. Royal Artillery, and this point may well cost them the championship as, till then, they were on level terms with Air Force.

Football Association are doing their utmost to finish the season by April 12 and, as a result, a number of games have been arranged for week-days.

The First Division game between South China and Police which started at 5 pm. was finished in very good light so that it is possible for Civilian teams who cannot play early, to start a game at 5.15 on week-days and finish with plenty of light.

BIG BOXING MATCHES SCHEDULED SOON

RIGHTCROSS RIALTO will enjoy unusual activity during the next few months, with virtually all top-flight pugilists campaigning, writes Jack Cuddy from New York.

Joe Louis sets the pace, blasting heavyweight precedent with his fight-a-month programme. Bomber Joe defends his title against Arturo Godoy or Bob Pastor at Los Angeles, April 15, and against Billy Conn in June, probably at Yankee stadium.

Tony Galento attempts a comeback, meeting Buddy Baer at Madison Square Garden, March 26, and brother Maxie Baer has a return bout at the Garden on April 4 with Lou Nova, who belted Maxie out in 1939. The winner is virtually certain of a September title shot.

To Defend Title

Light heavyweight champion Billy Conn expects to defend his title in April against the winner of an elimination among Jimmy Webb of St. Louis, Tommy Tucker of New York and Gus Lesnevich of New Jersey.

Meanwhile Conn will have tune-ups against heavyweights in preparation for his June tilt with Louis. Billy is programmed to meet Bob Pastor at Chicago or Detroit.

Christoforidis of Greece as one of the principals. Anton is recognised as light heavy king by the National Boxing Association.

Ken Overlin will defend his middleweight crown (New York Brand) in May against the winner of the Billy Soose-Ernie Vigh rematch.

Nearing Completion

Negotiations are nearing completion for Welterweight Champion Fritz Zivic to defend against Red Cochrane of Elizabeth, N.J. just as soon as Fritz recovers from a hand injury suffered in last month's bout with Henry Armstrong.

The Zivic-Cochrane brawl probably would be staged in some New Jersey city.

Bob Montgomery, hard-hitting Philadelphia negro has developed into a formidable welterweight contender, and he may still be able to pare down to the 135-pound limit for a lightweight title shot. He is expected to be matched soon with either Zivic or Jenkins.

New York fans have lost interest in feather, bantams and flyweights, but there will be some activity among them in other circles.

He cleared strongly and covered his partner, Sneesely, very well, particularly towards the end when he had to pay attention to the Chinese leader, Lee Yan-leung, their outstanding and most dangerous forward.

The Navy intermediate-line was the strongest department in their team. They were best served by Williams in the pivotal position, who kept the opposing forwards in check to a great extent.

Good Forwards

Their forwards were, however, too slow, lacked finish and showed little combination. Breese, right-wing, and Wilkinson, centre-forward, were the most impressive players.

The Chinese custodian, Lam Ching-feng had not much to do, as his backs cleared well and held the opposing forwards.

Yeung Tse-cheung, the Chinese pivot, was in his great form. He had the opposing leader, Wilkinson, in close check and had his own forwards plied with many good and accurate passes. Lee Wah-chee held his own well at left-half.

Their attack was best served by the right-wing in which Lee Yan-leung, Leung Ping-kam and Lung Chi-lam formed a very strong attacking unit and these three players had the sailors' defence always worried.

Yeung Ping-hon also sent over several good centres from the left-wing.

Kwong Wah started to attack from the start and maintained this for the greater part of the first period in which they scored two goals through Lung Chi-lam and Lee Yan-leung.

Navy were awarded a penalty but Wilkinson failed to turn it to account.

On resumption, Kwong Wah still maintained their superiority and scored a further goal through Leung Ping-kam.

Breese reduced the lead for Navy with a good shot.

Shortly afterwards Birch was given a great chance. He sent in a terrific shot but hit the up-right.

In the last 10 minutes, Kwong Wah scored their final goal through Lee Yan-leung.

NAVY—Docherty; Winter and Sneesely; Bennett, Williams and Baillie; Breese, Birch, Wilkinson, Mitchell and Mann.

KWONG WAH—Lam Ching-feng; Chau Wing-hung and Lo Shu-ker; Leung Ping-chun, Yeung Tse-cheung and Lee Wah-chee; Lung Chi-lam, Leung Ping-kam, Lee Yan-leung, Chan Wan-sang and Yeung Fun-hon.

SING TAO BEATEN

In a Second Division match played yesterday at St. Joseph's ground, Happy Valley, 30th R.A. beat Sing Tao by the odd goal in five. Hill (2) and Hillmeak (1) scored for the winners, while Cheong Moon-wing (penalty) and Siu Yau-sang scored for the losers.

Hill, at centre half for the R.A. was the most outstanding player on the field.

NECAN TOPS STAKES MONEY WINNERS

Following shows how much the respective winners secured for their stables (names in brackets) at the Valley since January 1:—

United Express (Necan) ..	10,909
Distant View (Lan) ..	8,600
Oolong (T.K.L.) ..	6,181
Endeavour (Mrs. Chuong Ho-yen) ..	4,774
Sapper (Mrs. A. E. Grasett) ..	4,500
Velvetlight (Cire) ..	4,266
Confusion Bay (T.K.L.) ..	3,250
Oracle (T.K.L.) ..	3,100
Happy Returns (Lee Chichoh) ..	3,000
Santa Anita (C.C.F.) ..	3,000
Jus Gentium (S. W. Lee) ..	2,987
Fleetwing (Eu Tong-sen) ..	2,950
Starlight (Cire) ..	2,750
Black Seal (C.H.) ..	2,500
Palber (Marber) ..	2,300
Sam's Choice (Collene) ..	2,300
First Love (P. & L.) ..	2,250
Viceroy (Vilaja) ..	2,250
Coloona (Gredmaka) ..	2,150
Marsh Warbler (Pearstun) ..	2,150
A Surprising Time (Toots) ..	2,100
Charleber (Marber 1) ..	2,100
Malnaali (Sallbad tire Binner) ..	2,000
King's Flight (Dynasty) ..	2,000
Lex Fori (Lee Bros.) ..	2,000
Navylight (Cire) ..	2,000
Dutch Treat (Hollandia) ..	2,000
Córcair (L.W.S.) ..	1,900
Prairie View (Lan) ..	1,850
A Happy Time (Li Po-chun) ..	1,750
A Luxurious Time (Miss Li Po-chun) ..	1,750
Gloaming (Eu Tong-sen) ..	1,750
O-Lan (T.K.L.) ..	1,577
Amulet Star (C.W.K.) ..	1,500
National Welfare (Yeung Bros.) ..	1,500
Bendemeer (P. M. Hoo) ..	1,500
Eve of Peace (Eve) ..	1,500
World Fair View (Lan) ..	1,500
Maple Leaf (Kwok Yee-chun) ..	1,500
Manhattan (Shields & Stanton) ..	1,500
Brutus (G. Treverton) ..	1,500
Optima Fide (S.W.) ..	1,500
Moonlight (Cire) ..	1,500
Never-Never (Mrs. B. Hall) ..	1,500
Conniebar (Marber 1) ..	1,250
Sydney Lady (Lucky) ..	1,200
Fresh Air (S.K.) ..	1,100
Eve of Harvest (Eve) ..	1,072
Venus Bay (T.K.L.) ..	1,050
Fair Chance (Westoo) ..	1,000
Mountain View (Lan) ..	1,000
Nomine Poenao (Lee Bros.) ..	1,000
Many Thanks (Kia Ora) ..	1,000
Racylight (Cire) ..	1,000
Catterick Bridge (C. L. Gregory) ..	1,000
Longdon (G. Tinson) ..	1,000
Haccossay (T. & E.) ..	1,000
Shuttlecock (S. T. Wilhamson) ..	1,000
Centre Court (T.K.L.) ..	1,000
Bona Vacantia (Culture) ..	900
Bugle (C. H. Chan) ..	900
Lovelylight (Cire) ..	883
Gladiator (Eve) ..	850
National Courage (Why) ..	800
Eve of Dancing (Eve) ..	750
Conquering Time (Li Po-chun) ..	750
Hillsboro Bay (T.K.L.) ..	750
Australian Diamond (Diamonds) ..	750
A Rosy Time (Miss Li Po-chun) ..	750
Far View (Lan) ..	700
Iron Beauty (Iron) ..	700
The Koala Bear (Tester & Abraham) ..	700
Springhurst (Billy) ..	700
Newborn Star (C.N.K.) ..	600
Via Major (Lee Bros.) ..	600
Vixen Tor (G. Tinson) ..	600
Eve of Reason (Eve) ..	525
Eve of Deception (Eve) ..	500
Tien Tien (Wai Shiu-pak) ..	500
Royal Sovereign (G. A. Harriman) ..	500
Hughbar (Marber 1) ..	500
Galveston Bay (T.K.L.) ..	400
Locus Standi (Lee Bros.) ..	400
Snow White (Mok Kongsang) ..	400
Misty View (Lan) ..	400
Royal Wedding Eve (W. T. Stanton) ..	400
Devonian (Lady Northcott) ..	350
Roofly (Ellandee) ..	350
Vitamin M (S.S.) ..	300
Raconteur (Manetta) ..	300
Casino (Bridge) ..	300
Lovely Star (Kong Bros.) ..	300
Eve of Hunting (Eve) ..	300
Wonderful Scheme (Kong Bros.) ..	300
Potentate (Eu Tong-sen) ..	300
Rose Jane (Eu Tong-sen) ..	300
Burford (Quartermaster) ..	261
Pumpnickel (T.L.) ..	250
Seal River (Gredmaka) ..	250
Spicylight (Cire) ..	250
Cheerful Star (E.S.K.) ..	250
Brown Derby (Oocoo) ..	250
A Good Time (I.M.M.F.) ..	250
Colorado Star (Ellandee) ..	250
Odeon (T.K.L.) ..	250
Daylight (Cire, Jr.) ..	250
Rowan (Ash) ..	250
Bendigo (Mrs. J. H. Taggart) ..	250
Cocklebar (Necan) ..	250
Lilliber (Marber) ..	200

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMME

Several matches in Colony Badminton Championships will take place at Club de Recreio and at Kowloon Cricket Club to-morrow and Monday, respectively, as a result of a rearrangement of the programme. The rearranged programmes are as follows:

FRIDAY, (CLUB DE RECREIO)	
Men's Junior Singles	
H. S. Jones v P. C. Leung (7 p.m.)	
N. L. Smith v P. Wynter-Blyth (8.15 p.m.)	
A. L. Fisher v Peter Lo (9.15 p.m.)	
Men's Senior Singles	
Patrick Wong (holder) v D. Kwok (7.30 p.m.)	
Men's Senior Doubles	
P. Ki Hui and H. F. Chew v C. Y. Yung and F. Koh (8.45 p.m.)	
MONDAY, MARCH 31	
(KOWLOON C.C.)	
Men's Junior Doubles	
T. S. Young and M. K. Fung v Peter Lo and J. Tsang (7 p.m.)	

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:—

Open Singles	
Fung Yee-pui or Kenneth Lo v Paul Kong (5)	
I. M. A. Razack v S. Y. Tong (7)	
Open Doubles	
George Choa and A. V. Remedios v O. Umetani and T. Imura (8)	
Club Championship	
F. W. Carter v M. A. Biersens De Haan (1)	
Club Handicap Singles	
A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/6) v H. E. Waller (plus 3/6) (0)	
Club Handicap Doubles	
G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (—15.1) v V. R. Gordon and M. H. Turner (—3/6) (2)	
Club Handicap Mixed Doubles	
C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (—4/6) v F. D. Hunter and Mrs. G. Campbell (—1/6) (3); E. H. Brazel and Miss M. Riddle (—2/6) v J. S. Theobald and Miss D. Eardley (—15) (4)	
Men's Junior Singles	
J. L. Anderson v E. Zimmermann (9.15 p.m.)	
Men's Senior Singles	
M. P. Young v P. K. Hui (8 p.m.)	

TENNIS RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Following were yesterday's tennis results:

OPEN SINGLES	
Fung Yee-pui beat Kenneth Lo 5-7, 6-4, 6-3	
C. Dunne beat S. Goodman 6-0, 6-1	
CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES	
T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould beat Van Leeuwen and M. A. de Haan 6-4, 6-0	
H. J. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Blyth beat W. R. Lambert and N. Lloyd 6-3, 6-3	
B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow beat J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipwith 6-3, 5-7, 7-5	
CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES	
R. E. Guest beat G. Campbell 6-1, 6-1	
Men's Senior Doubles	
Patrick Wong and C. Au (holders) v H. C. Eardley and N. L. Smith (7.30 p.m.)	

PAGH AND UMETANI TO PLAY AGAIN

The replay of the Open Singles tennis match between M. Pagh and Umetani was again not decided after over two hours' play when the game was abandoned in the last set with the score at 11 all.

Pagh, giving an improved display, won the first set at 6-4 and in the second set was leading by 3-2 but lost it by 6-3.

In the final set Pagh was leading by 4 sets to 1 and seemed assured of winning when he lead 5-3 but he missed several easy chances. Umetani, by steady play, brought the score to 5 all and each player in turn lost their own service. Pagh obtained the odd game several times and when well-placed to win allowed Umetani to draw level.

When the game was 10 all Umetani appeared to be suffering from cramps and after a delay, the game was continued. With the score at 11 all the game was abandoned owing to the light.

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MATSUOKA ON 'LONG-SUFFERING' JAPAN!

MR. MATSUOKA, THE Japanese Foreign Minister, in an interview with the German newspaper "Angriff" is reported by the German radio as stating that "Britain and the United States will always oppose Japan's constructive work in the Far East. Japan is therefore on Germany's side."

"We want nothing from the Americans and leave them in peace. They should follow our example and leave us in peace in Asia."

GENERAL AUCHINLECK'S LONG TOUR

WITH HIS RETURN TO NEW DELHI YESTERDAY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, GENERAL AUCHINLECK, COMPLETED AN EXTENSIVE COUNTRY-WIDE INSPECTION TOUR IN WHICH HE SAW FOR HIMSELF MOST OF THE TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT AND MUNITION PRODUCTION IN EASTERN, SOUTHERN AND WESTERN INDIA.

The inspection was comprehensive, embracing all land, sea and air establishments and every phase of training, as well as production.

At Hyderabad, Bombay, Karachi and Jodhpur, trainees for the Air Force were seen at work.

The interview is stated to have taken place in the train taking Mr. Matsuoka to Berlin.

According to the German news agency, Mr. Matsuoka, in a message to the German nation last night, gave an assurance that Japan will not lag behind Germany in courage and determination to establish the world on the basis of the new order.

Mr. Matsuoka added: "The ideal which is dear to Japanese above all things is embodied in nanku ichio, that harmonious world community with room for all nations, in which they can realize their wishes and fulfil their missions."

That ideal, he added, was the basis of the tripartite pact. — Reuter.

while at various centres many hundreds training in different phases of technical services were inspected.

A special visit was paid to the rapidly completing aircraft factory in south India, where the first made-in-India plane will be ready by the middle of the year. — Reuter.

USE OF SOUTH AFRICANS

The question of the use of South African troops outside Africa was raised in the Union House of Assembly yesterday.

General Smuts, the Premier, stated the Government intended strictly to abide by the decision taken by Parliament at the beginning of the war against overseas expeditions.

If circumstances arose which, in the opinion of the Government, made it necessary to send troops outside the African Continent, Parliament would be summoned.

General Smuts stated the Government were entitled to use their troops in any part of Africa and would do so if necessary.

He added that no South African troops were at present fighting in Greece or anywhere outside Africa. — Reuter.

EXPLOITS OF COASTAL COMMAND

Some of the exploits of aircraft of the Bomber and Coastal Command in attacks on enemy shipping yesterday and on Tuesday are revealed in an Air Ministry communiqué.

A small enemy convoy was intercepted and bombed on Tuesday off the Dutch coast by Bomber Command aircraft.

In another attack an anti-aircraft ship was damaged, and near Borkum a naval patrol was bombed.

Also on Tuesday, Coastal Command aircraft attacked and scattered several enemy minesweepers.

Yesterday the pilot of a Coastal Command bomber sank an enemy supply ship.

From these operations, concludes the communiqué, one aircraft is missing. — Reuter.

POLICING OF THE BADLANDS

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, made a statement in the House of Commons yesterday regarding the working of the agreement for policing the "badlands" outside the International Settlement at Shanghai.

Mr. Butler, who was replying to Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Cons.) said that after lengthy negotiations, extending over several months, an agreement was signed on February 1 and came into force on March 15.

Mr. Butler continued: "While conditions in that area have continued to be unsatisfactory in recent months it is yet too early to judge what result the new agreement will have." — Reuter.

QUITE DIFFERENT AIR TACTICS

The Swiss paper "Tagwacht" says the Germans and English seem to adopt quite different aerial tactics.

While England tries to bomb maritime and military bases, Germany tries to undermine the morale of the English population by needless bombing of towns. Hence the unequal number of victims. — Reuter.

Experts Well Satisfied With Results

OBSERVATIONS BY THE R.A.F. AND REPORTS FROM "OTHER SOURCES" OF AIR RAID DAMAGE IN GERMANY ENABLE THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE TO FORM A GOOD PICTURE OF DESTRUCTION CAUSED.

"We are quite satisfied with the results, particularly from the point of view of dislocated transport," said an official of the Ministry in London yesterday, speaking of R.A.F. operations during December and January last.

British bombers, he said, succeeded in inflicting considerable damage on Germany's war effort exceeding the damage caused by German raiders over Britain.

Heavy bombs in the heart of Berlin penetrated to the Unterbahn (underground railway) where they brought traffic to a standstill on an important stretch, besides damaging shops, blowing the roof off a cinema and halting street traffic.

The damage, he added, was so extensive that it took 10 days to clear up in spite of large squads employed to conceal the effects of British bombing from the civilian population.

Hits were also obtained on a very important railway junction.

Some damage was sustained by the Police Presidency and the Law Courts. The top floors of the famous Wertheim Stores were burnt out while minor damage was done to a number of important industrial establishments.

Mannheim Damage

Mannheim suffered much more heavily than Berlin during those two months.

Widespread damage was inflicted on installations in the main docks. Several barges were sunk in one raid and water traffic blocked.

At the same time the shipyards were damaged and production held up. More than one engineering shop was completely destroyed and others damaged by

high explosives and fire. Among the Rhineland towns visited, Dusseldorf was a particular sufferer.

Speaking of R.A.F. damage to Mannheim, which is the most important industrial centre of the middle Rhine, the official said damage inflicted on plant and buildings of the Reinrich Lanz works is believed to run into millions of marks and production is likely to be affected for some time.

Munitions Train

There was reason to believe that damage suffered by several other works had set the German chemical industry some difficult problems.

Several hits were scored on Mannheim's main passenger and goods stations, where an ammunition train was involved with unfortunate results to the surrounding district.

Near a goods station, a direct hit was obtained on the central field post office for the German army of occupation in France, necessitating its removal to Stuttgart.

As a result of the attacks, concluded the official, all rail traffic had to be diverted from Mannheim area through Karlsruhe and was likely to be overloaded. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The Admiralty announce that a German aircraft was shot down on Tuesday while attempting to attack a convoy in the North Sea.

A German Messerschmidt 110 was hit in the nose by guns of H.M.S. Versatile (Commander J. H. Jauncey, R.N.).

No damage or casualties was sustained either by Versatile or by the merchantmen to which she was acting as escort. — Reuter.

British light naval forces operating in the North Sea during the last few days have driven off attacks on convoys by German E-boats.

Several E-boats, states an Admiralty communiqué, were seen to be hit and it is probable that some failed to return to their base.

No damage or casualties was sustained either by British naval ships or merchant vessels in convoys attacked by E-boats. — Reuter.

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VIOLENT BELGRADE SCENES

Huge Protest Demonstration In Main Streets

20 YEARS WAR IF NECESSARY

Britain would fight for 20 years if necessary, declared Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, at a press conference in New York yesterday.

He gave it as his "deliberate conviction" that a combination of military, naval and air power and the blockade would give Britain the victory over the Nazis and their Axis partner.

The duration of the war would depend on the speed of American help.

Referring to the post-war world Lord Halifax said Britain did not want a vindictive peace but she was going to see that steps were taken to ensure that the world should not see a repetition of the present situation at the hands of Germany.—Reuter.

Bombing By Odd Raiders

Enemy aircraft, operating singly over the southern half of England yesterday, dropped bombs which did little damage.

Several houses in the West of England were destroyed, however, and industrial buildings in two Southern towns damaged.

Casualties were nowhere large though some were killed, according to the Air Ministry communique.

TWO RAIDERS WERE DESTROYED.—REUTER.

RIBBENTROP GREETED MR. MATSUOKA

Ribbentrop and many other Nazi leaders and diplomats, including Yugoslavia's representative, were at the station to welcome Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, yesterday.

The station was specially decorated and a military guard of honour was mounted.

TURKEY GIVES WARNING

Turkey has an absolute community of interests with Britain.

This declaration was made yesterday by Refet Canitez, Vice-President of the Turkish National Assembly, broadcasting from Ankara.

Bulgaria, he said, had surrendered her independence, while Greece, "who is our neighbour and friend, has been fighting against the aggressor with a heroism which would be the envy of the mythological heroes."

The Anglo-Turkish Alliance, he continued, had thus far kept the peace in the Near East, but "danger has now penetrated into our zone of security and has assumed an extent which constitutes a threat to our existence."

"On the day our security is encroached upon, the Near East will be transformed into a battle-field."—Reuter.

GERMAN TANKER SUNK

The British submarine Sturgeon (Lt.-Comdr. St. Clair Ford) has sunk an 8,000-ton German tanker off the Norwegian coast.

Announcing this yesterday, the Admiralty in London says the submarine fired at the tanker during mist and rain.

An explosion followed and when the mist cleared 20 minutes later only part of the tanker could be seen above water.—Reuter.

TRANSPORT MOVING AGAIN

Tramway and bus services in the French Concession, Shanghai, resumed operation yesterday.

Negotiations between representatives of the companies and the workers are still proceeding.—Our Own Correspondent.

corated and a military guard of honour was mounted.

Ribbentrop later drove with Mr. Matsuoka through decorated streets to the Bellevue Palace, which will be Mr. Matsuoka's headquarters during his stay in Berlin.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAV POPULAR FEELING AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA'S ADHERENCE TO THE AXIS PACT FOUND EXPRESSION IN A HUGE DEMONSTRATION OF PROTEST IN THE MAIN STREET OF BELGRADE YESTERDAY.

Students marched arm in arm singing national and patriotic songs. There was violent quarrelling among onlookers, blows were exchanged and plainclothes police, with whom the city had been filled, immediately intervened and took a number of people into custody.

Even schoolchildren in Belgrade are participating in the protests. Hitler's portrait was burned at schools and the portrait of the boy King Peter framed with red carnations.

More serious rioting occurred at Banyaluma, where 14 were killed.

RIOTING ALSO OCCURRED AT SKOPJE ON TUESDAY NIGHT, AND YESTERDAY MORNING ALL TELEPHONE LINES WITH BELGRADE WERE CUT.

Radio Belgrade last night represented the reaction to Yugoslavia's adherence to the Pact as "favourable throughout the country."

This presumably reflects the Yugoslav Government's views.

"Satisfaction"

"In Slovenia satisfaction is expressed at the fact that Yugoslavia's independence will not be infringed," said the announcer.

"In south Serbia some uneasiness was felt at first but this was dispelled since it was learned that no German troops are to pass through Yugoslav territory."

"In Bosnia there was similar relief and in Sarajevo general content reigns at the assurance that the country is not being dragged into the war," he concluded.—Reuter.

Demonstrations All Over Country

LATER. DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUED IN BELGRADE LAST NIGHT, SAYS A MESSAGE FROM THE YUGOSLAV CAPITAL RECEIVED IN NEW YORK, AS WELL AS IN MANY OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

Demonstrators in Belgrade are demanding a Yugoslav understanding with the Soviet. The police are making repeated attempts to restore order.

REPORTS REACHING BELGRADE REVEAL THAT DEMONSTRATIONS ARE OCCURRING AT SARAJEVO, RAGUSA, LUBLJANA AND VALAVO.—REUTER.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE

Appeal To Yugoslavians

An impassioned appeal to the Yugoslavian people was made over the ether by the Secretary for India, Mr. L. S. Amery, from London last night.

"It is not too late," Mr. Amery exclaimed, urging them to keep their national spirit alive.

It was the duty of the Yugoslav Government, before the pact was ratified, to consult their people, who regarded the signing of the pact as a betrayal of honour and independence.

"What will be your position when Britain has won, as she will win?" asked Mr. Amery.

"Even Hitler cannot prevail against England and America together."—Reuter.

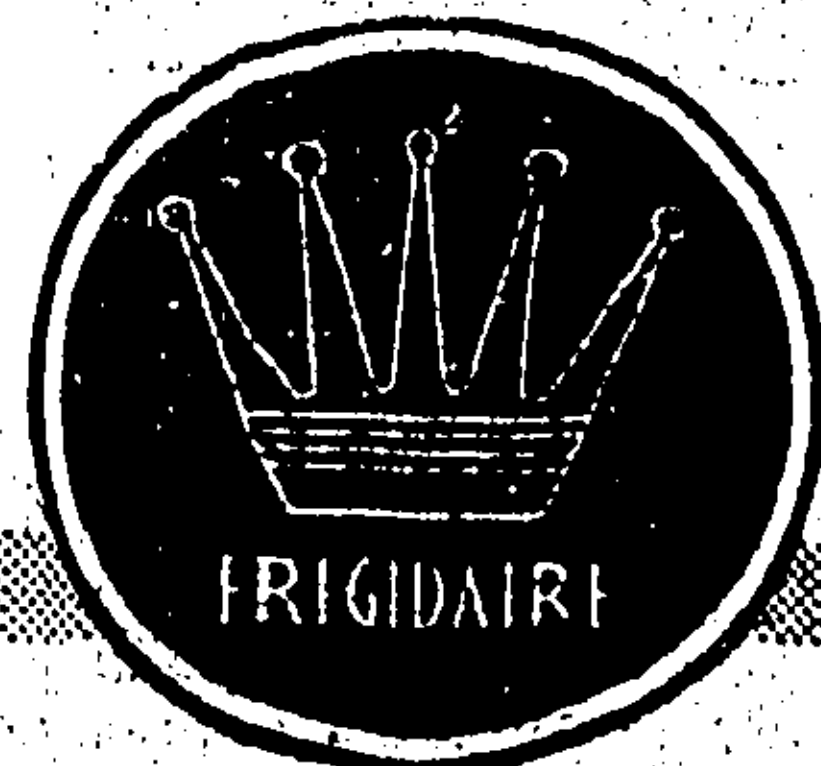
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BRITAIN'S LAST WORD

Yugoslavia's Previous Assurances Broken

Statement In Commons

BRITAIN'S LAST WORD to the Yugoslav Government before the latter signed the Axis Pact was disclosed textually by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, in the House of Commons yesterday.

When signature of the Pact appeared imminent, the British Minister in Belgrade sent a Note to the Yugoslav Government indicating Britain had been led emphatically to believe that no action could or would be taken capable of harming or making serious difficulties for nations upholding a cause which, she was assured, the Yugoslav people regarded as their own.

"The British Government therefore are shocked to learn that Yugoslavia now suddenly contemplates signature of an agreement by which she will not only abandon her neutral attitude but enter into the very system of Britain's enemies.

"If such an agreement is concluded the British Government is bound to point out that in the light of recent history, the Yugoslav people will almost certainly be drawn more deeply into that system as time goes on.

German Scruples

"The history of the past 18 months has shown how little Germany scruples to honour assurances she has given.

"Responsibility for the results of Yugoslavia's present decision rests with the Yugoslav Government." — Reuter.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN SPAIN

THE FOOD SITUATION IN SPAIN IS VERY SERIOUS AND BOTH BRITAIN AND AMERICA WOULD BE VERY GLAD TO ALLOW WHEAT SHIPMENTS TO GO TO THAT COUNTRY.

This statement was made to Reuter yesterday by an official of the British Ministry of Economic Warfare in London.

Asked whether the French Government had thanked Britain for allowing food to go to France, the official said that a recent Vichy broadcast had said something to the effect that the needs of unoccupied France were now being met. — Reuter.

DIVE-BOMB ATTACK ON MALTA HARBOUR

Enemy aircraft attempted to dive-bomb the harbour at Malta on Tuesday, according to an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

No serious damage or casualties resulted but slight damage was done to civilian property.

One Junkers 88 was shot down by anti-aircraft fire and others were damaged. — Reuter.

£2,500 MAN TO £3 JOB

A non-practising barrister who said that at one time he had an income of £2,500 a year, but was left penniless when his father died, and had lately been earning £3 11s. a week as an ambulance worker, has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment for theft.

He was Robert Noel Hill, aged forty-three, who pleaded guilty at Sevenoaks, Kent, to stealing a silver brandy flask, a bottle of brandy, and a gold wristlet watch, together valued at £11 17s. 6d., from Mrs. Una Emmerson, with whom he was billeted at Oak Hill Road, Sevenoaks.

He asked for another offence—obtaining £8 by a trick from Mr. S. B. Coleman, a licensee, of Ranelagh Road, S.W.1, to be taken into consideration.

Hill was stated to have been educated at Malvern and Pembroke College, Cambridge.

COSTLY ITALIAN COUNTERATTACKS AT KEREN

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Keren Front)

WHILE THE R.A.F. AND ARTILLERY CONTINUE TO HAMMER THE ITALIANS ON PEAKS AROUND AND IN KEREN ITSELF, SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES ARE RUSHING MATERIAL TO THE FRONT IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT ASSAULT.

Despite vigorous Italian counter-attacks the British troops are well able to hold the positions taken during the advance at the end of last week, and patrols are sent each night along the slopes of heights still held by the enemy.

Counter-attacks are becoming increasingly costly to the Italians and the boulder-covered slopes leading to Fort Delogorodoc are strewn with bodies left by the enemy after each of their nine attempts to recapture their positions.

In one of two attacks on Monday night the Italians used three tanks and an armoured car.

One tank is believed to have been knocked out. The others retired. — Reuter.

GERMAN BLOCKADE EXTENSION

The extension of Germany's counter-blockade to within three miles of Greenland and thus to the threshold of the western hemisphere, was stated by Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, at a press conference in Washington yesterday, to be receiving attention by members of the Administration.

The German explanation that the extension was made because United States ships were alleged to be unloading supplies there for trans-shipment to Britain, is contested by members of the U.S. Maritime Commission.

They declare no American ships are sailing to Iceland, and the only ships plying between the United States and Iceland are said to be six small cargo boats under the Iceland flag with supplies for Iceland.

Mr. Sumner Welles also announced that the State Department had cabled Admiral Leahy, Ambassador to Vichy, for a complete report on the new food agreement reported to have been reached between occupied and unoccupied France. — Reuter.

HE PIPED AT YPRES

One evening he was just a one-man-band with his pan pipes and his drum, playing in the street. The next evening, "discovered" — he was a star on the concert platform.

I saw him the first evening piping and drumming, Scottish jigs and reels (writes a reporter). Next night, I spoke to the one-man-band, John Codona, at Edinburgh's concert hall. He told me that almost 200 years ago an ancestor brought the first Piping and Judy show to Britain.

"I've played the pipes in Scotland and England for over forty years," said John. "I played them when I was with the machine-gunners in the last war. It kept their spirits up at Poplinghe and Ypres."



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"UNDER THIS SCHEME every British home is indeed a castle," declared Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, broadcasting last night on the new War Damage Act.

The Act provides for compulsory insurance of property and free limited compensation for destroyed furniture.

WOMEN SAIL 20,000 MILES

Two women were aboard the American yacht Yankee, which has arrived at Cape Town after voyaging 20,000 miles from Gloucester (Mass.) in fifteen months.

They are Mrs. Irving Johnson, the captain's wife, and Miss Norah Bailey, a young "coed." Most of the crew of eighteen were students.

The Chancellor declared the scheme amply covered everyone. It covered, he explained, not only actual destruction but consequential damage such as that resulting from rain falling through a hole in the roof caused by a bomb.

Those who had already suffered would be treated as if the scheme had been in force since the outbreak of war.

The Chancellor described the Act as an essential part of our answer to Hitler.

HE ADDED: "THE R.A.F. OVER GERMANY ARE GIVING HIM ANOTHER ANSWER. WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO GROW MORE AND MORE UNPAPABLE TO HIM." — REUTER.

Haile Selassie's Famous Proclamation To People

CALLS FOR MERCY FOR THE ITALIANS

HAILE SELASSIE'S famous proclamation to his people last July, appealing for mercy for the Italians, was published textually in London yesterday for the first time at the request of members of Parliament.

The proclamation promised British arms, "of which you are so much in need," and announced that the British Air Force was destroying enemy fortifications.

It proceeds: "I have notified the Italians in Ethiopia, who are now completely encircled, that they should surrender to save themselves useless destruction."

"Therefore I charge you solemnly to receive kindly and protect those Italians who may surrender."

Honour And Good Name

"Do not retaliate with the cruelty which was inflicted on our people but show yourselves honourable and humane soldiers. Do not forget that when the valiant Ethiopians made Italians captive at battle they handed them to their Emperor without doing them any harm, thus earning for Ethiopia honour and a good name."

When the proclamation was circulated in the Commons, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Labour) suggested Government should publicly express appreciation of the "generous and statesmanlike policy followed by our ally, the Emperor of Ethiopia, despite the many cruelties of the Italians against his subjects."

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, agreed it was "a valuable document which should be read with all consideration."—Reuter.

NOT EXACTLY IMPRESSIVE

The Swiss newspaper "Bund" says that Yugoslavia's adherence to the Axis Pact does not so much mean her recognition of the new European order as official recognition of Yugoslavia by states forming part of the new order.

The "National Zeitung" says one can no longer help feeling that the rush to join the Axis Pact is not exactly impressive and is more the result of strategic and geographic situation of the states involved than an expression of honest enthusiasm at incorporation in a hierarchy of states in which small peoples must serve the political and military necessities of the leading great powers.—Reuter.

QUITE DIFFERENT AIR TACTICS

The Swiss paper "Tagwacht" says the Germans and English seem to adopt quite different aerial tactics.

While England tries to bomb maritime and military bases, Germany tries to undermine the morale of the English population by heedless bombing of towns. Hence the unequal number of victims.—Reuter.

USE OF SOUTH AFRICANS

The question of the use of South African troops outside Africa was raised in the Union House of Assembly yesterday.

General Smuts, the Premier, stated the Government intended strictly to abide by the decision taken by Parliament at the beginning of the war against overseas expeditions.

If circumstances arose which, in the opinion of the Government, made it necessary to send troops outside the African Continent, Parliament would be summoned.

General Smuts stated the Government were entitled to use their troops in any part of Africa and would do so if necessary.

He added that no South African troops were at present fighting in Greece or anywhere outside Africa.—Reuter.

JAPANESE SEIZURE OF S.N.R.

SIR J. S. WARDLAW-MILNE (CONS) ASKED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY WHAT PROVISION HAD BEEN MADE TO PROTECT BRITISH BONDHOLDERS OF THE SHANGHAI-NANKING AND TIENSIN-PUKOW RAILWAYS IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE CONCERNS WERE BUILT WITH BRITISH MONEY AND WERE NOW CONTROLLED BY A JAPANESE COMPANY WITH REVENUES OF A MILLION YEN MONTHLY.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the British Government repeatedly had made representations in respect of both railways, requesting that an arrangement should be made to meet obligations to British bondholders and allow the British railway staff to function in accordance with the provisions of the loan agreements.

"I regret that no satisfaction has yet been received," he concluded.—Reuter.

M.P. UNOPPOSED

Mr. R. Moolwyn Hughes was returned yesterday as Labour M.P. for the Carmarthen division, rendered vacant by the appointment of Major Daniel Hopkin as London Stipendiary Magistrate.—British Wireless.

ITALIANS CONFER WITH JAPANESE

The Italian Ambassador in Tokyo had a half hour conversation on the international situation, with particular reference to Japan-Italian relations, with the Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ohashi, yesterday afternoon, says Reuter.

KNOWS HIS ONIONS!

Mr. H. J. Hutchinson, a Selby (Yorks) farm worker, has gathered fourteen stones of onions after sowing one ounce of seed—a 3,000-fold increase.

JAPANESE DEMANDS IN AMOY

MR. I. C. HANNAH (Cons.) asked in the House of Commons yesterday for information regarding Japanese demands at Amoy and whether steps were taken to support the foreign administration against demands calculated to subject the Settlement to Japanese domination.

GERMAN 'PLANE SHOT DOWN

The Admiralty announce that a German aircraft was shot down on Tuesday while attempting to attack a convoy in the North Sea.

A German Messerschmidt 110 was hit in the nose by guns of H.M.S. Versatile (Commander J. H. Jauncey, R.N.). No damage or casualties was

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the Japanese consul-general at Amoy presented four requests on January 20, three of which presented no difficulty, but the fourth was for the immediate appointment of six Japanese sergeants in the police force.

Negotiations had been proceeding between the Japanese consul-general and the British consul-general in his capacity of Senior Consul.

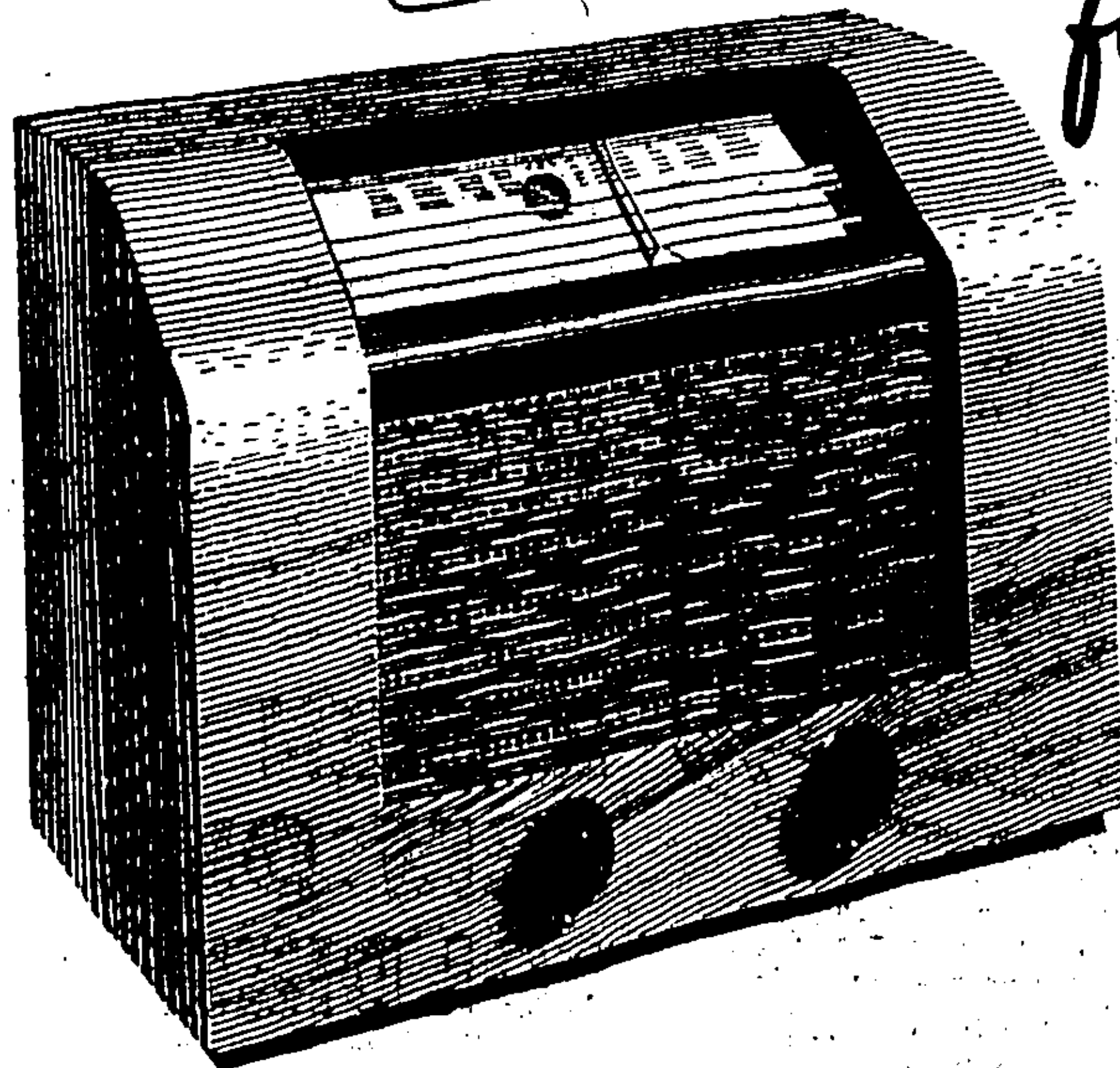
Mr. Hannah: Is the present position not extremely unsatisfactory?

No answer was given.—Reuter.

sustained either by Versatile or by the merchantmen to which she was acting as escort.—Reuter.

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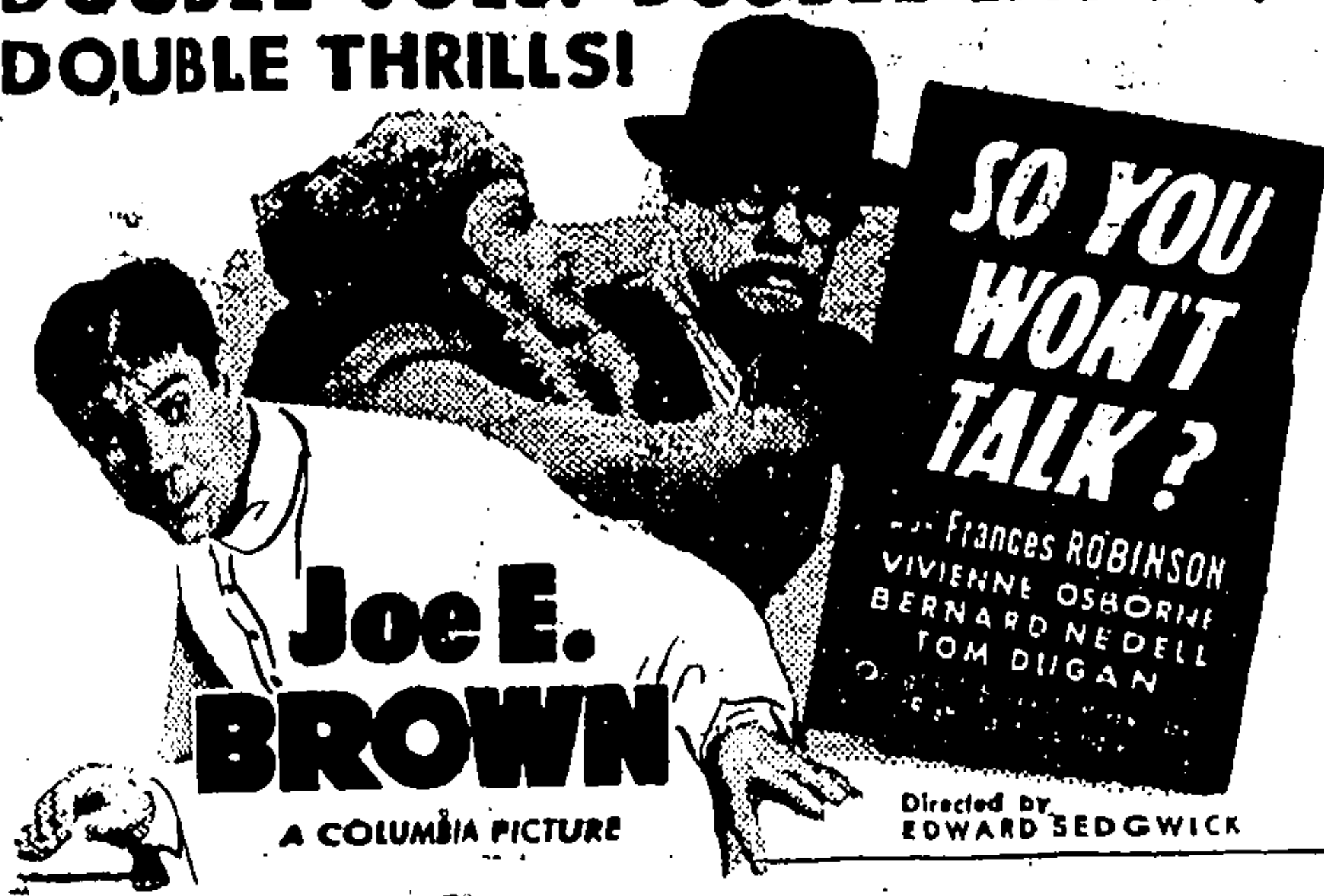
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The South African High Commissioner, Mr. A. F. Watersen, speaking at the National Defence Public Interest Committee luncheon, said: "My people will not fail. Germany miscalculated over South Africa in 1939 just as in 1914.

She did her best to spread disruption in the country and intrigued in many ways but the effort failed. German propaganda is all based on blackmail and brute force and those evil qualities do not win many friends among a free people."

Mr. Watersen read a message from General Smuts: "Please convey to the National Defence Committee in London South Africa's pride in the heroic stand of the men and women of Britain, who are adding another glorious page to history.

Now that the two greatest Democracies have practically pooled their resources under leaders greater than the Dictators, the ultimate issue can be in no doubt whatever hard trials lie immediately ahead.

Cause Beyond All Others

And we have a cause beyond all other causes to sustain and inspire us. If we prove worthy, that cause will carry itself through."

Lord Nathan said a reply would be sent to General Smuts saying how proud they were to receive such a message from one who was not merely the leader of a great dominion but was one of the leading statesmen of our time.

General Smuts would also be told that day by day they with pride heard of the dauntless deeds of the brave airmen and troops of South Africa fighting far from their homes for a cause common to us with determination and confidence that that fight would succeed.—British Wireless.

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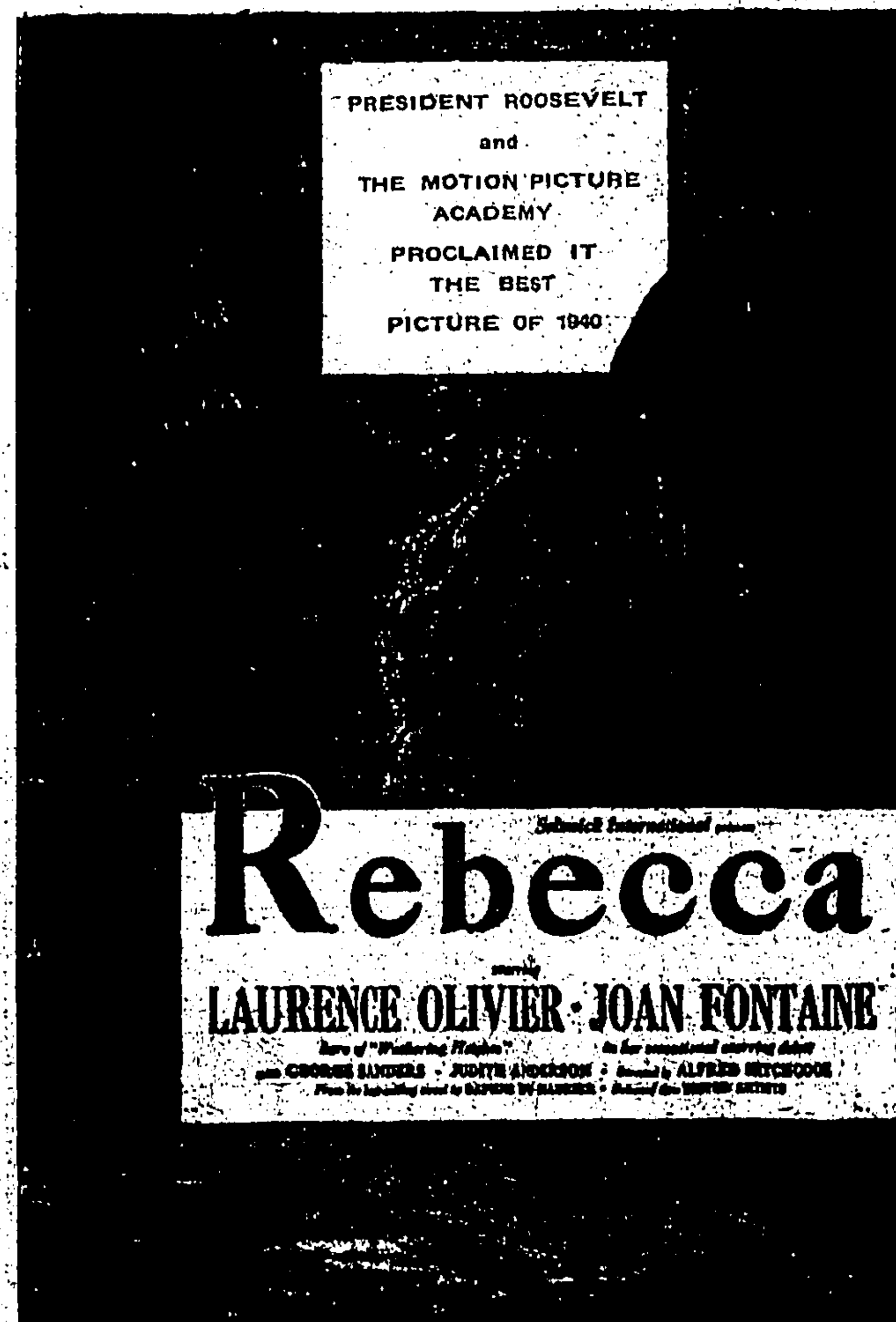
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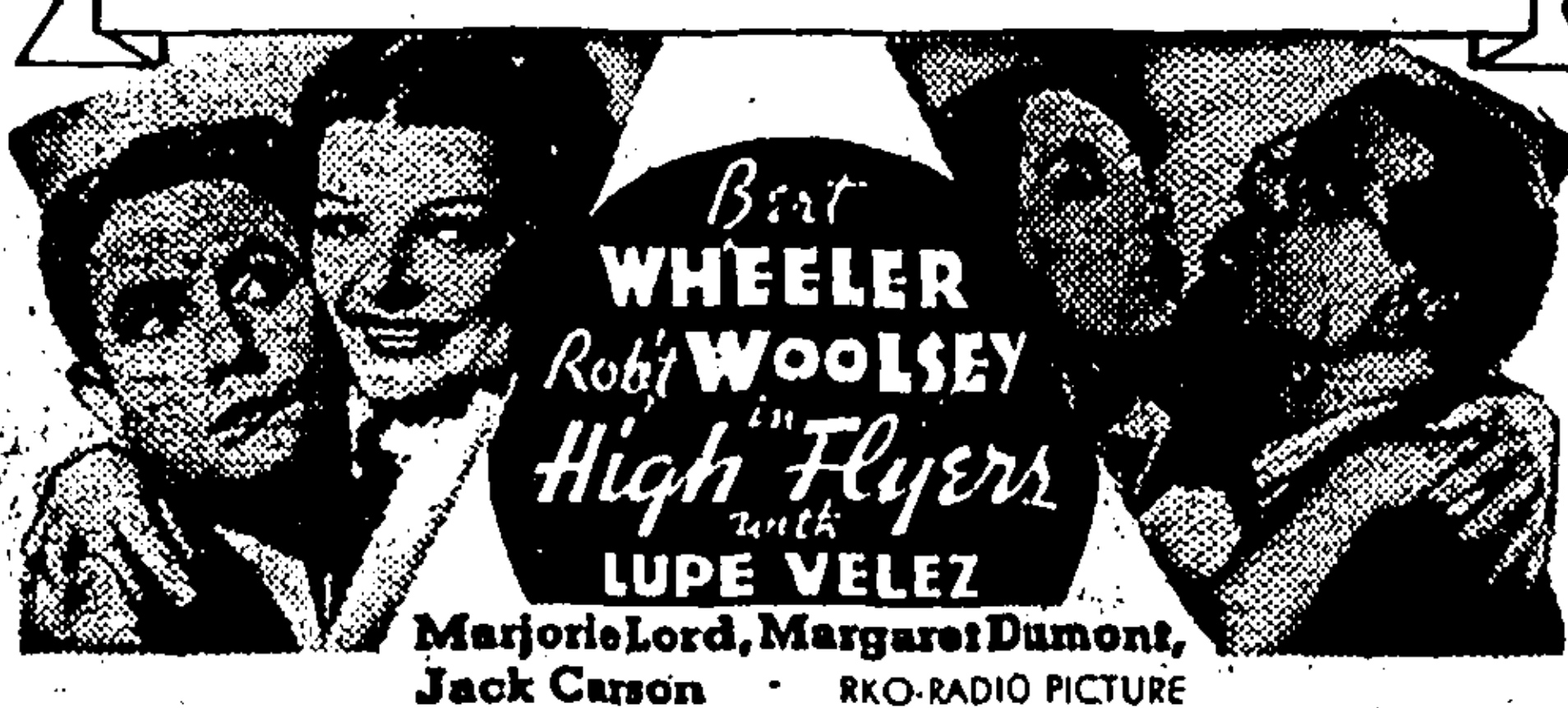
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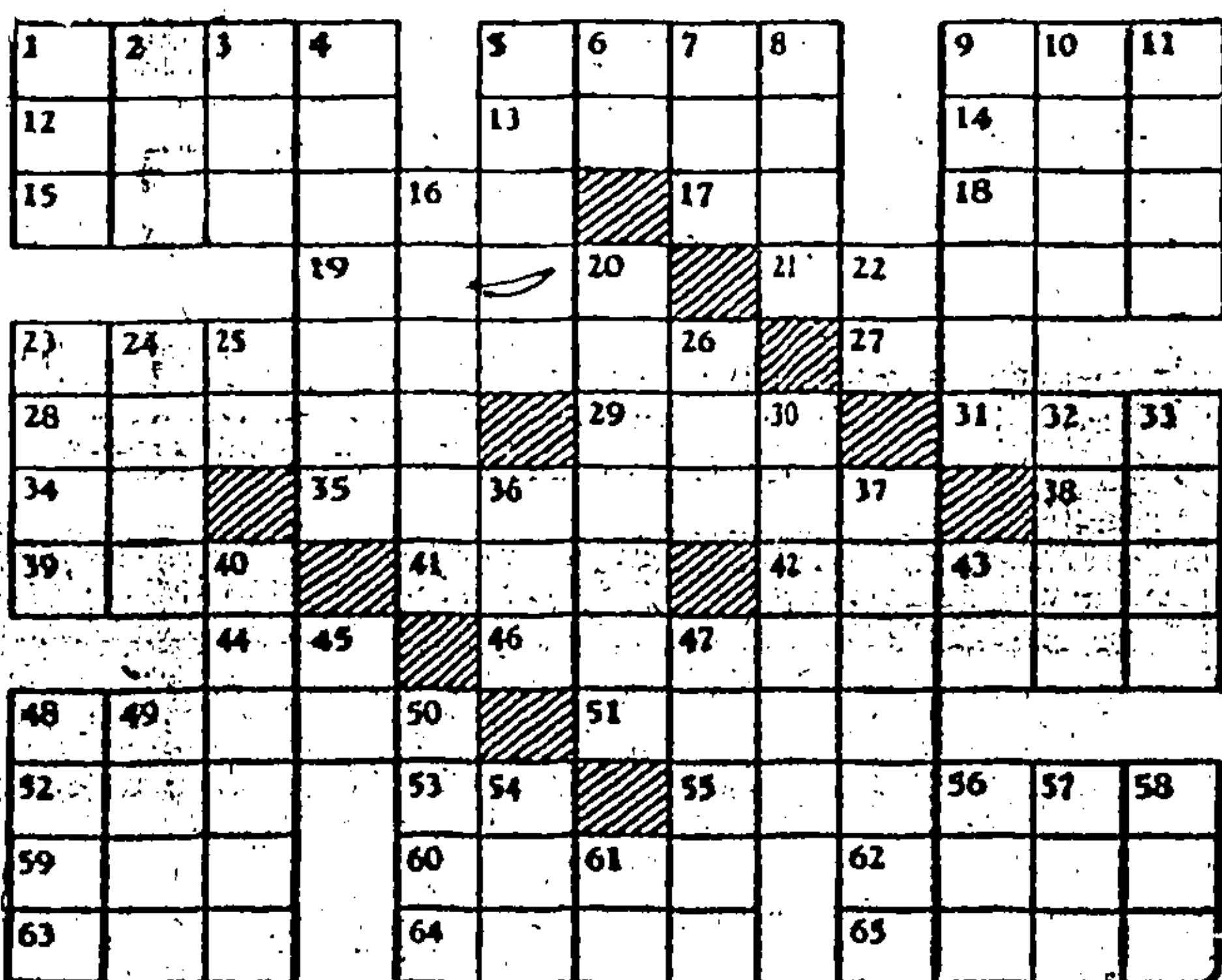
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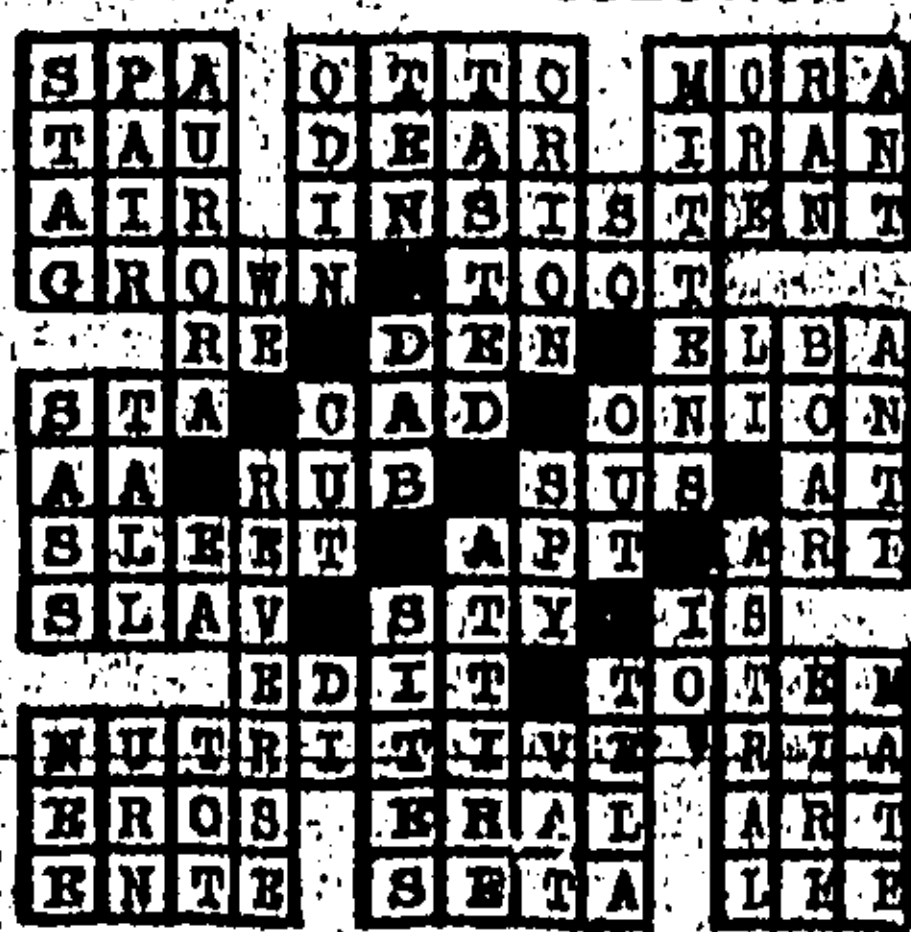


HORIZONTAL
1 Tinge
5 Handle
9 To yield
12 Wing-like
13 Ancient European territory
14 Part of "to be"
15 South American rum
17 Spanish article
18 Inlet
19 Colloquial mother
21 City in Belgium
23 To include
27 Hawaiian bird
28 Roman magistrate
29 Cebine monkey
31 Lump
34 Japanese measure
35 Prime character
38 Note of scale
39 Conclusion
41 Heavenly body
42 Trilium
44 Printer's measure
46 Surprises
48 Hindu soldier
51 Asperation
53 Constellation

53 Babylonian deity
55 Girl's name
59 Evergreen tree
60 River in England
62 Centre
63 To consume
64 Fit of anger
65 Ripped

VERTICAL
1 Chinese pagoda
2 Sick
3 Short sleep
4 To tread heavily
5 Golden-breasted trumpeter
6 Symbol for sodium
7 To petition
8 To unite
9 Blased
10 Great Lake
11 Receptions
16 To fondle
20 Agree
22 Italian river
23 Chinese wax
24 Norse god
25 Note of scale
26 To bring forth
30 Greek mythological character
33 Obstructs
32 Fibre plant
38 African antelope
37 To remove
40 To leave
43 Italian article
45 Japanese money
47 To arrange in rows
48 Strongbox
49 Silk worm
50 Period of time
54 Humming-bird
56 To express disapproval of
57 To be mistaken
58 Confederate general
61 King of Babylon

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



PHRASES COINED BY PILOTS

"He was behaving in a very drunken way." This is not the beginning of a police constable's evidence, but the phrase used by a Hurricane pilot to describe the manoeuvres of a JU. 88 bomber which he had attacked over England. Fighter pilots, when they talk about their scraps, often use unexpected and picturesque phrases. A Flight-Lieutenant, who frequently leads two squadrons into battle, has a set phrase of his own. "I was 'driving the train' consisting of the A & B SQUADRONS," he writes in his report.

Another Flight Lieutenant has also described how he "steamed through the whole formation of enemy aircraft and then broke away downwards." With a touch of the melodramatic, a Pilot Officer of a Hurricane Squadron told the Intelligence officer: "The bombers were in very tight but rough formation with the fighters stepped up above. On our approach, the fighters climbed up and formed a 'circle of death'."

A British pilot soon discovered how best to deal with these "protective circles of Mes." One of them dived into the middle of the circle and flew round in the opposite direction, picking off the Germans as they came within his sights. Fighter pilots are very modest about their victories. "We just couldn't miss—there were so many of them to shoot at," one pilot explained. "The enemy aircraft were so thick we had almost a permanent target," said a Flying Officer of a Hurricane auxiliary squadron.

But it isn't quite as easy as that.

A disabled JU. 88, the pilot making a desperate effort to regain his base across the Channel, was described by a Flight Lieutenant as "crabbing along the surface of the water with one of his engines out of action."

This was apparently the sort of target a Spitfire Squadron Leader had been looking for when he told the Intelligence Officer that he had flown down to the coast to "pick off lame ducks going home."

The "dust-bin" is a common name for the rear gunner's lower position in an enemy bomber.

A German airman was killed when, as the victorious Flying Officer put it, "his machine did a cartwheel, and the pilot was jet-tisoned into the sea, the aircraft hitting the water at the same time."

With thoughts of the late Italian air chief, a Pilot Officer of an auxiliary squadron wrote: "when patrolling with my squadron I saw a large 'Balbo' of enemy aircraft approaching from the east."

Said another, when his flight ran into a violent A.A. barrage, "The flak was so thick you could walk on it."

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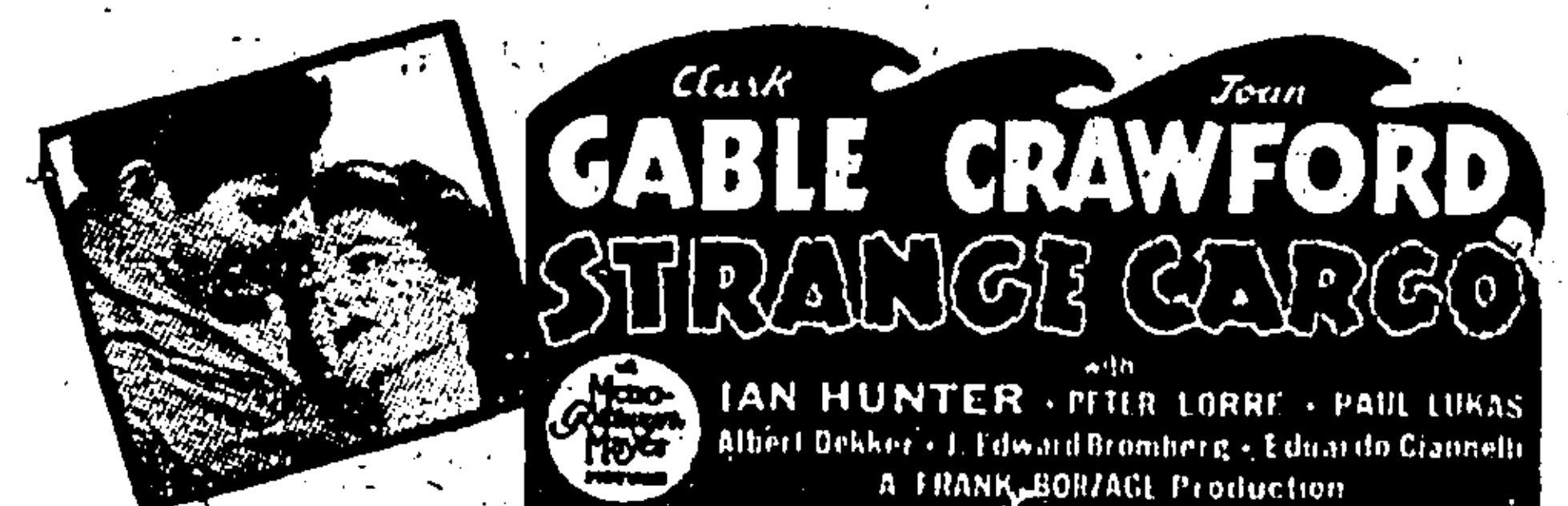
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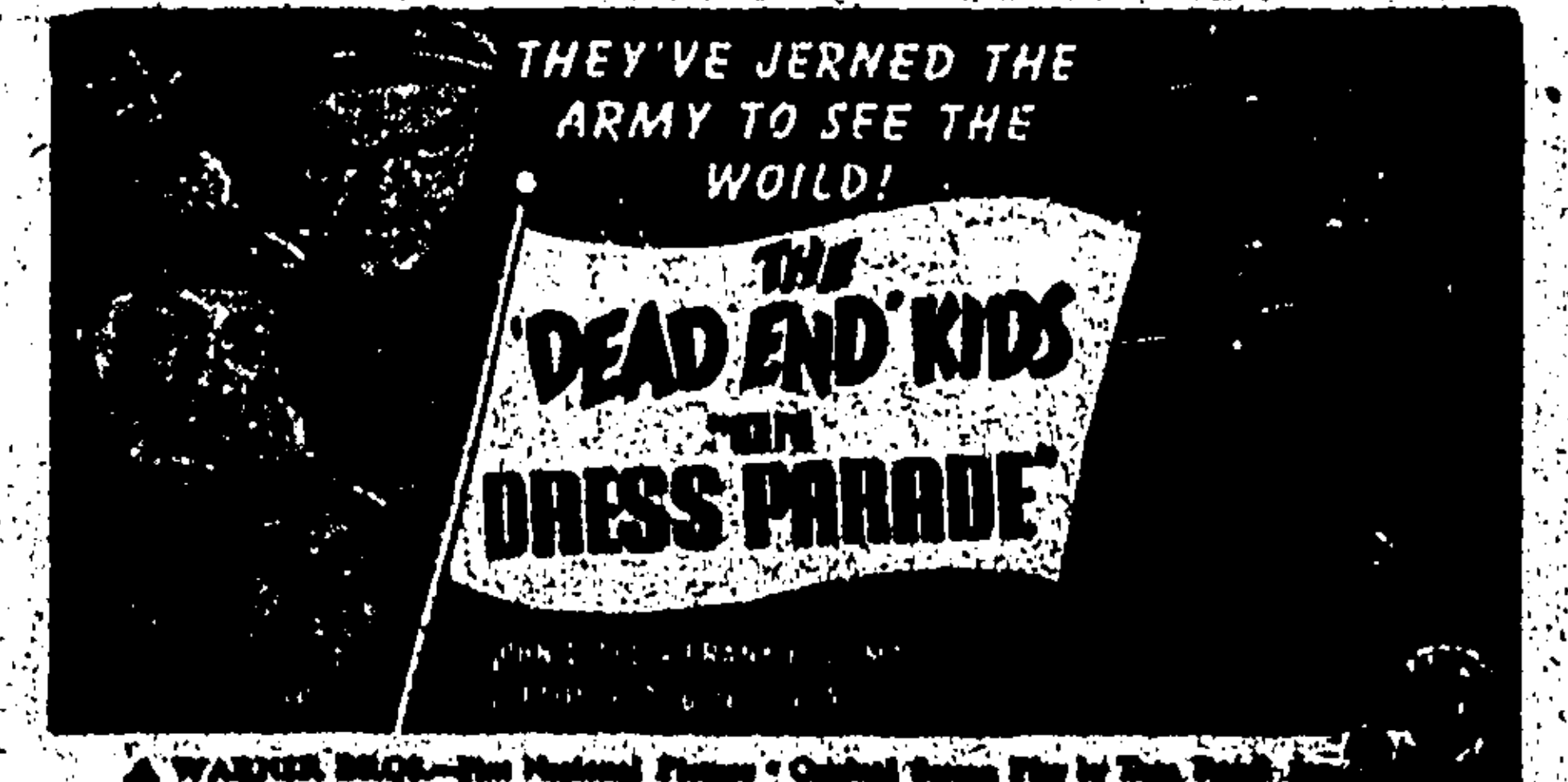
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MODEL CITIES IN THE NEW BRITAIN

(By A Special Correspondent)

A BLUE PRINT of the new Britain that is to take shape after the war has been handed to Winston Churchill by Lord Reith. If it is approved by the Cabinet, it will be part of the wider plan that the Minister of Reconstruction, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, will be guided by.

The plan recommends drastic decentralisation of London and all Britain's big cities. It involves the compulsory acquisition of property. It will, wherever possible, spread industry over wide areas instead of crowding them together as at present.

It proposes the unification of electricity supply, the present grid system being reorganised into a vast power utility corporation that will supply cheap and abundant power to the smallest farmer and the largest manufacturer.

Better Services

The same principle is advocated in the Reith plan for water, gas and other public services. National co-ordination of transport, so that rural and country districts will be as well served as the towns, is also suggested.

The scheme for a scientific system of roads and highways to cover the whole country is part of the plan to bring to country and rural areas all the amenities of town life, while retaining as far as possible the character of the country.

Suggestions for assisting and developing agriculture on entirely new and scientific lines, including wide schemes of land drainage and reclamation, are also made. Lord Reith states that hospitals should be moved from crowded areas into the country, just leaving emergency and out-patient departments in the big cities.

Long Document

He calls for a general review of the powers of local authorities to secure uniformity in taxation, administration and the planning of town and country.

The Reith plan is a long and comprehensive document involving a mass of complicated legislation.

Because of this, it is expected that after the Cabinet has seen it and approved its general principles, it will be left to Mr. Greenwood, the Minister of Reconstruction, to prepare the legislation necessary to put it into operation.

PLUCKY BRIDE TO WEAR RED

The bride will wear red at a wedding which will be the happy ending to a romance begun in a flower shop.

Second-Lieutenant Patrick Reid, R.A., called at Elaine Goddard's flower shop in King's Road, Chelsea.

"That was the beginning," said Miss Goddard. "It was love at first sight."

Miss Goddard told the story of her romance as she tried on her wedding costume of deep red velvet.

"Some time after that meeting I had to take my two nieces to America. We became engaged before I went."

"Then, three months later, Patrick cabled asking me to come home at once and be married."

"I managed to get the last available seat on a plane, but had to take a boat from Lisbon."

"It took us seventeen days to come from there in convoy. We were chased by submarines and attacked by planes. One boat was sunk."

"Why a red wedding dress? It's my favourite colour."

The wedding will take place at Chopham Parish Church, Surrey.

SHE IS U.S. "CINDERS"

Little Anna Skleplovich, daughter of a poor Polish immigrant, was hailed as the American Cinderella after she had joked and laughed with the President while diplomats and politicians waited at the White House.

And at night, clad in a new silk dress, Anna, who is thirteen, was an honoured guest at the President's magnificent birthday ball.

In a miserable little shack home in Gary, West Virginia, where her father is a coal-mine mechanic, Anna picked up a newspaper and discovered that the President's birthday is on the same date as her own. So, on a grubby scrap of paper, she wrote to the President, telling him this and wishing him happy returns.

In reply, a polite official acknowledgment from the White House Secretary arrived at Anna's home. It was first opened by Anna's brother, who for a joke added the postscript.

"We would like Anna to come to the White House and see the President."

Believing the postscript genuine, Anna's parents spent all their money in taking Anna to Washington, where they called at the White House.

On presenting the letter they were told the invitation was not genuine.

Then Mrs. Roosevelt heard of Anna's call and told the President.

They sent officials searching Washington for the girl from Gary, West Virginia, and late at night Anna was found.

"MATCH-BOX" LOVE, IN COURT

Seventeen-year-old Fred a Sawrey, of Haverigg, Millom, Cumberland, was stated by the prosecuting counsel at Carlisle to have proposed to a married man that they should go away together.

The man, thirty-one-year-old Fred Whitworth, a motor-driver, charged with abducting the girl, was bound over for a year. "They were infatuated with each other," said counsel, "and sent messages in match-boxes." When arrested Whitworth said, "She was willing to go away. I would marry her now if I had a divorce."

FORTUNES IN OPIUM

Lou Sing's 6 Pounds Worth £1,100

When Lou Sing Fatt, aged 29, a Chinese seaman, was sent to prison for two months at Liverpool for possessing six pounds of prepared opium, it was stated that "tremendous profits" were being made from the sale of the drug.

Mr. H. R. Blamer, prosecuting, said that the six pounds of opium were worth £1,100.

"A piece not the size of a postage stamp and weighing ten grains is sold to smokers for 5s," he said. Mr. Blamer said that Fatt came to England as the survivor of a torpedoed Dutch steamer.

Fatt, when charged, was alleged to have said, "Me very sick man Me have opium to eat."

TOLD OF HER LOVE IN SONG

SONG TITLES were used at a troops concert by Newcastle-on-Tyne panto girl Patricia Stainer to tell a young flying officer of her love for him. The airman started it when he accompanied her to a dance.

The band played "Am I For You?"

"That's what I want to know," he whispered. "Am I for you? Please tell me."

But Pat had not quite made up her mind. "Come along to the R.A.F. concert at next week," she replied. "I'll be in the show and you'll know by the songs I sing how I feel about you."

Anxiously the flying officer took his seat in the front row on the night of the concert and waited impatiently for the answer to his great question.

Last Song Was Cue

At least Pat took the floor. "Queue for Romance" was her

first song that kept the airman still in suspense.

"Her next was 'It All Depends on Me.' And that didn't help any."

Finally, smiling into his eyes, she gave him her reply. "You've Done Something to My Heart."

Pat told a reporter: "I was just teasing him by making him wait for the answer until the last song."

"On Saturday I am going back to my job with Portsmouth A.R.P. which I left for a few weeks to take part in the panto 'Goody Two Shoes.'"

"It's not so good being parted from John so soon, but we both have jobs of work to do. Anyway, there'll be a song in my heart when I go back. 'We'll Meet Again Some Sunny Day.'"

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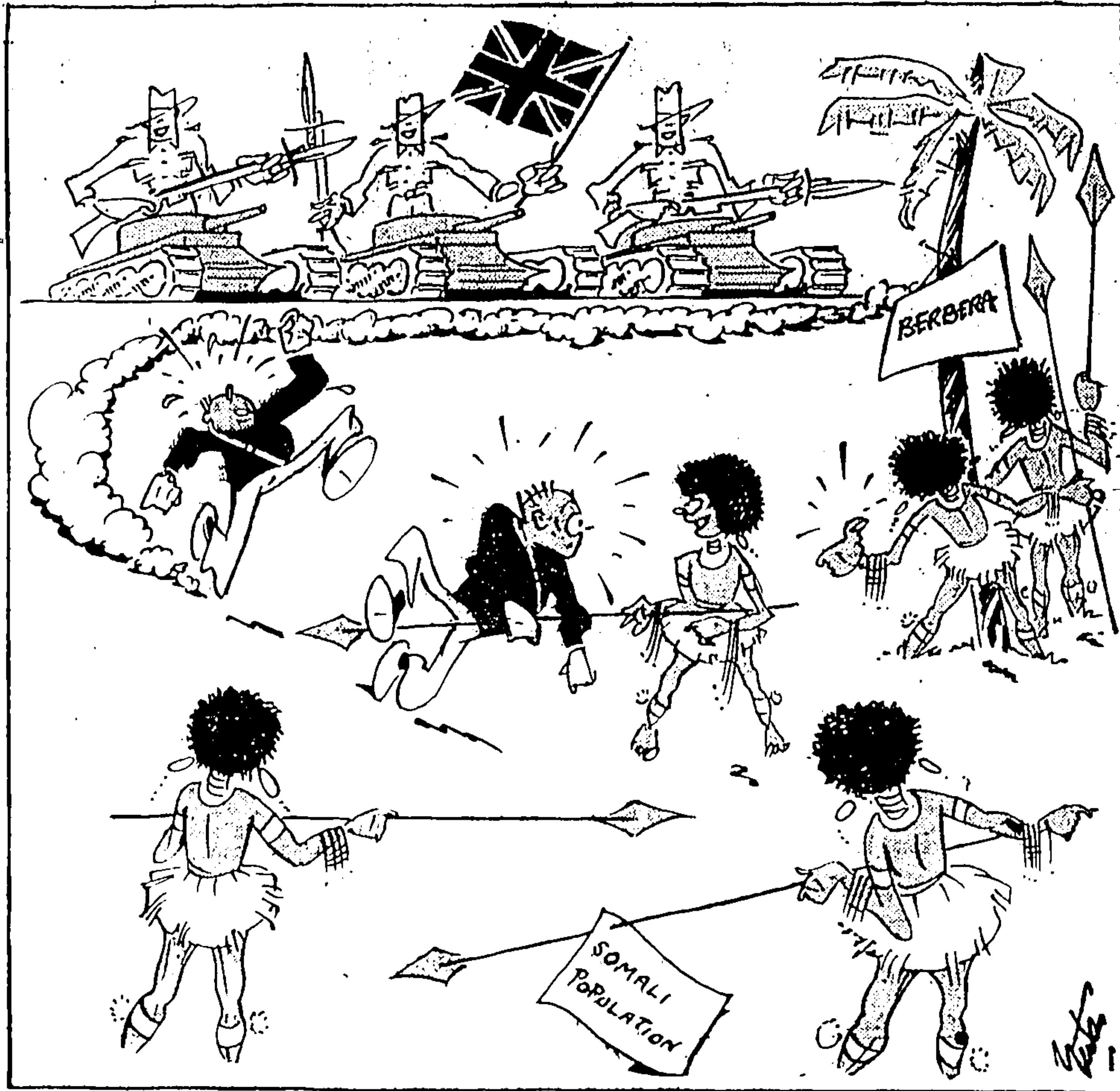
The passage of convoyed French ships through the Straits of Gibraltar is relatively unimportant. It is when they seek to return that the test will come. Plainly, this is the first tentative implementation of the Darlan statement: "I will let nothing stand in the way of the French people's eating," when he warned that the French fleet would be used to convoy ships past the British blockade.

They were brave words, but, unfortunately for the admiral, they had a hollow ring. As recently as February 12, in Paris, "a reliably informed individual who formerly held an important position in the Vichy government"—Pierre Laval, in all probability—gave the show away to the United Press. He said that Vichy had been warned by Germany that it must use its colonies to the utmost to relieve shortages of food and raw materials—in other words, to break the blockade by force, if necessary.

Clearly it is German pressure, and not French hunger—except in so far as that hunger has been purposely aggravated by the Nazi regime—that has inspired Darlan's stand.

This is not to minimise the gravity of the food situation in France. Rations have been cut, and warnings have been sounded with increasing frequency of late that a crisis is at hand. But there can be little doubt in any reasonable mind that this stringency was created in the first place by the Germans, and there is good ground, in view of the statement of the "reliably informed individual" to which we have referred, for believing that the stringency has been deliberately intensified recently to force Vichy into the action which it threatens to take.

That Vichy is anxious to assume the role that Hitler would have it play seems very unlikely. The shattered French fleet would be forced to perform a task that the Germans and Italians have consistently refused—fight the British Navy on the open sea. The measure of Marshal Petain's reluctance to adopt his present stand may perhaps be found in the frequent predictions from Paris in recent weeks that convoys would be employed, and the no less frequent denials from Vichy that such a policy was



MORAL FOR HITLER

[The friendly population of British Somaliland contributed importantly to the demoralisation of the Italians and the swift recapture of the Colony. It is significant for its promise of events in Europe in days to come.]

What Is Hitler's New Plan?

By A Student Of War

The field of the war looks particularly perplexing at this moment.

Although it is certain that a much greater proportion of the war potential of the Axis than of the British Empire is mobilised, events show that Italy is still incapable of evading damaging blows.

All the defeats of Italy are encouraging; and they will bear the closest scrutiny without yielding any different lesson. What is puzzling is the fact that a minimum satisfaction of Mussolini's aspirations is demanded by Hitler's plan, and there is as yet no suggestion of how he intends to assure it. By this time it is possible he has some doubts whether Mussolini is wholly an asset in the "New Or-

der"; but he is bound to recognise that Italy cannot be allowed to fail without gravely compromising it. The Berchtesgaden arrangements are the fullest recognition of this fact.

Italian East Africa is from its situation compelled to depend upon its own resources. That great colony used its central situation so badly that now it is suffering from its disadvantages. Indeed, so bad does its position appear to be that it is wise to take the minimum interpretation of events, since the Italian commander has considerable resources at his disposal. But, however, we minimise them, recent movements are unquestionably significant.

It is the situation in Albania that is most humiliating to Italy and as a consequence to Germany. The Italian Command is again being reorganised; but so far the Greek campaign has proved the grave of Italian reputations. Reinforcement should be easy in spite of the interference of British and Greek naval units; but the ground at present does not lend itself to the deployment of great forces. It is the more primitive, soldierly virtues that condition the tide of battle.

If the Italians have shown up badly it may be because their heart is not in the war; but much of the earlier lack of success was undoubtedly due to faulty training and tactical incompetence.

In the first stages of the campaign there was evidence of a plan; but when Soddu took command and a column was at the very gate of Thessaly he apparently did not know how to press it through. The sole excellence of the Italian soldier that has appeared so far is his ability to hold an almost impossible position under the heaviest disadvantage.

Further conjecture is unprofitable; at present, but it seems certain that if Germany has taken over the bankrupt business of Italy, she will be inclined, by every military instinct, to follow some bold plan which will promise swift and striking results. The attempt to prop up the shaky structure of the Albanian campaign on the spot will scarcely appeal to her, though even a Balkan plan may involve the stabilising of resistance against the Greeks.

What is, at least, certain is the tendency of the East to invade the West. Few can have imagined when Italy invaded Greece that the repercussions would travel as far as Berlin. When she entered the war Italy was regarded as a reinforcement, and not as a liability. If she had confined herself to the African theatre she might not have accomplished much, as she has given no sign of the understanding of strategy, but at least she would not have been

Gen. List was the commander of the army which operated on the Slovakian sector against Poland. He had in front of him the Carpathians, and it would have seemed that such a frontier could have been held almost indefinitely with adequate troops, sufficiently equipped and correctly disposed. But the barrier gave him little trouble, and it is possible to infer the incompetence of the Polish generals or the brilliance of Gen. List. Even if the whole of the success cannot be attributed to the German, at least he must be reckoned a very able soldier; and unless he is meant for active operations there appears to be no reason for his presence in the Balkans.

For the rest, the Balkans offer attractive strategic possibilities. The movements there may be mere feints; but they have an unusually realistic appearance, and there is an inherent probability behind them.

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But is it certain he has not committed it?

In transferring the test to the morale of the civilian population, is he not making the vital mistake that will bring him to defeat? Britain is his main objective. Whatever military pattern his attack upon it takes, and however soon it may come, it will be our morale that will be aimed at.

Even in Belgium, and still more in the battle of France, it was the defeat of civilian morale which in the end wrecked the last chances of a military stand. Britain is made of less responsive material, and when Hitler makes his attack upon her it is upon that rock he will break.

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Hitler's 1918

Eight years ago, I watched Hitler, the new Reich Chancellor, receive, hour after hour, the acclamation of his marching Storm Troops from a spotlight window in the Wilhelmstrasse. On January 30, 1941, I heard him, the conqueror of half Europe, speak to the Germans and promise them decisive victory "this year."

We get little news, these days, of what is happening "inside Germany," and Hitler's last wish is that we should know. His speech was drafted to conceal and cur-

By Douglas Reed

tain everything we should like to know about the German mind—and yet, between the lines, it tells all!

For both he and his Propaganda Minister, Goebbels, emphatically declared that there would never be "another 1918" in Germany. Qui s'excuse, s'accuse. These two sentences betray the vital truth, that our best ally, the memory of 1918, is busy in Germany.

In 1918, after 3½ years of uninterrupted victories, the Germans suddenly found themselves defeated. No German has ever forgotten that; those who are too young to remember have been told by their parents. The very words "Nineteen-Eighteen" are a language, a menace, a verdict and a grim warning to every German. With every day that passes and does not bring Victory (as distinct from victories), the thought of "1918" looms larger in the German mind, like a black thundercloud on the horizon.

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The blows will fall. He must strike, anyway; it is his last hope. He indicated what the blows will be—savage submarine and aerial warfare, possibly an invasion.

In those few sentences the whole truth about "inside Germany" was disclosed. Hitler knows that 1941 is his 1918. Unless he can gain complete Victory, he cannot rise again, on January 30, 1942, and again swear that there will never be "another 1918" in Germany, that 1942 will bring "decisive victory." By that time the thought and fear of "1918" will be too heavy in the hearts of the Germans.

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R.A.F. BACKING UP SIEGE OF KEREN

MANY RAIDS ON enemy positions in support of the successful military operations in Eritrea and Abyssinia were carried out by R.A.F. aircraft on Tuesday, states an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo.

Keren was again persistently attacked and several tons of bombs were dropped during the day.

STILL READY TO WED HIM

With fifty guests already invited, a twenty-three-year-old hairdresser called off her wedding when she discovered the man she loved had a wife still living.

But later in Liverpool Police Court it was stated that as soon as the man can get a divorce she is still ready and willing to marry him.

The prospective bridegroom, Sydney Myer Franks, forty-one-year-old clerk, of Rodney Street, was fined £5 for falsely declaring himself a bachelor for the purpose of procuring a marriage. He married his wife, Clara Alexandra Franks, in 1918, and lived with her only three days. Last year he met Lena Lewis of Southport, the hairdresser.

Franks said he thought his marriage had been dissolved owing to his wife's bigamy.

Mr. D. H. Mace, defending him, said: "I allege against the real wife that she has married at least three times since her marriage to Franks."

Detective Henry Smith said

The railway between Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa was heavily and successfully bombed and trains, railway stations and bridges damaged. Motor transport on the road was also bombed and machine-gunned.

Free French aircraft raided an enemy encampment 20 miles north of Gondar. Bombs fell amongst buildings and transport.

R.A.F. bombers raided Tripoli on the night of Monday, causing fires followed by explosions among Government buildings and in the harbour.

Dodecanese Raids

Aerodromes at Scarpanto and Calato and shipping at Astropalla Island, in the Dodecanese, were bombed and machine-gunned on Tuesday.

A number of German aircraft on the ground at Scarpanto were severely damaged. At Astropalla, a merchantship received a direct hit and was machine-gunned and other damage was caused at Calato.

From all these operations our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

Mrs. Franks had not been charged with bigamy.

"The reason is that Franks has been out of England," suggested Mr. Mace.

"Possibly one reason," replied the detective.

GIRLS WILL OUTNUMBER MEN IN U.S. BY 1945

In 1945 there will be more women than men in America, according to the Government. Census Bureau. Reduction in the excess of males over females has been at the rate of nearly 100,000 a year, the Bureau said, which indicated that in about five years the United States would join most other nations in showing a female majority.—Reuter.

SAYS THREE GIRLS EQUAL ONE MAN

It takes three land girls to do the work of one man.

That is the answer to a sum farmer David Jenkins, of St. Athan, Glam., set himself. Mr. Jenkins is president of the Glamorgan branch of the National Farmers' Union.

"It not only takes three girls to do the work of a man," Mr. Jenkins told a reporter, "but they are also more expensive."

"The girls get 38s. a week. Three times that is £5 14s."

"Land girls," he added, "are hopeless when it comes to hard work in all weathers. They are all right for milking, washing bottles and light jobs, but we want more men."

"We are ordered to cultivate 2,000 more acres in Glamorgan," Mr. Jenkins said, "but we are up against a labour shortage which only men can fill."

EL AGHEILA MOVE CAUSES NO ANXIETIES

LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE is attached in London military circles to the announcement in yesterday's Cairo communique that a small enemy detachment had occupied El Aghella — one of the farthest outposts of the British defence in Libya, some 180 miles from Benghazi.

Certainly there is no cause for apprehension. El Aghella is but a small village and before the war had a population of only about 1,000 of whom ten were Italians.

There is, however, a landing ground for aircraft and a small wireless station.

We had only a small patrol reaching out to El Aghella and this had been withdrawn before the small enemy force took possession.

The Germans have claimed that the place was occupied by the "German African Corps" but so far information reaching London would suggest that this "corps" is nothing more than an armoured vehicle or two which are acting as a sort of advance post.

Mainly Italians

The small enemy motorised detachment which occupied the post of El Aghella unopposed after the withdrawal of the British troops, consisted mainly of Italian motor transport, though possibly a number of Germans participated, according to the military spokesman at headquarters in Cairo yesterday.

He added there has been a fair amount of patrol activity

along the Tripolitania-Cyrenaica border for some time past and the British Command decided that in respect of the proper defence of Cyrenaica, El Aghella was "rather exposed to being cut off."—Reuter.

WOMAN IN BLACK MYSTERY

Government departments, her family and friends have searched in vain for The Woman in Black — Mrs. Caroline Maude Mann, aged fifty-seven, of Alberta House, Blackwall Way, Poplar, London, E.—who has not been heard of at her home since she was evacuated by motor coach.

Every Government department that had a hand in the evacuation has tried to find her. So have the Salvation Army and London County Council.

What makes it difficult to trace Mrs. Mann is the fact that she lost her identity card and may not have a new one.

When she left home she was dressed in black and was wearing an identity disc on a necklet.

AIR BATTLES OVER GERMAN CITIES

WHILE THE increasing number of Nazi bombers falling victim to night fighters attracts attention, the destruction of Nazi fighters by British bombers is a subject on which the public has not been greatly informed but it is now possible to give some details of these encounters.

Again and again these night fighters are seen when R.A.F. bombers have no time to turn aside from the more urgent task of attacking targets.

Sometimes, and especially on the way home, they have some minutes to spare for a quick encounter.

When an enemy night fighter has disappeared in the dark it is not always possible to say it has been destroyed.

British crews may feel certain that the enemy was so badly damaged that it cannot reach its base. It must soon crash, but unless there is some more obvious sign of disaster the enemy is only claimed as a "probable."

The record of this month's encounters with German night fighters contained several such probabilities as well as an encouraging number of certainties.

Cologne Clashes

The month began well. On the night of March 1 the enemy put up many night fighters to protect Cologne.

There were a number of inconclusive encounters during which several Messerschmidts gave up the struggle, and the crew of one R.A.F. bomber saw a two-engined fighter burst into flames — the enemy was held by one of his own searchlights — and disappeared below.

On the same night both gunners of another bomber fired long bursts into another enemy aircraft and put it out of action.

On the night of March 10 one British bomber came down low to attack an enemy-occupied aerodrome from which two Junkers 88 bombers were just taking off. The bomber had just shot up one of the Junkers when a Messerschmidt 110 appeared ahead.

Four Each

Both front and rear gunners fired four bursts each at a range of 100 yards. The Messerschmidt climbed steeply to 1,000 feet and then dived and crashed to the ground.

On the same night another bomber was attacked by four enemy fighters. There was a general melee and one enemy was hit while another was seen to climb vertically, stall and crash into the ground.

On the night of March 13 one R.A.F. bomber chased away an enemy fighter and soon afterwards sent two bursts into a Junkers 88 which immediately went into a steep dive and disappeared.

After another encounter, also on the night of March 13, a Messerschmidt 110 broke off the fight and a dull red glow was seen to fall seaward through the mist.

From Stern To Stern

The next night a bomber was immediately under a Junkers 88 and the rear-gunner raked it from stern to stern. Pieces of the Junkers were falling from it the whole time.

In a raid on Bremen on the night of March 17 a Messerschmidt was sent down in flames and the whole crew of a British bomber watched it fall and explode when it hit the ground.

Enemy fighters often have to pay dearly if they try to pursue R.A.F. bombers.

On March 21 a Messerschmidt 109 made to follow one bomber near Lorient. He was flying steadily along and the bomber's rear-gunner watched him gradually get close.

He was expediting the enemy

to attack at any moment but hoped to get him within close range. The enemy must also have been hoping to make certain of the bomber for the pursuit went on, the Messerschmidt gaining inch by inch.

Then the rear-gunner struck—he fired one long burst, the Messerschmidt wobbled, wavered in the air and went into a spin. A moment later a red glow shone through thin cloud at the point where the enemy had gone down.—British Wireless.

FOOD BOSS FINED

Harry Clusky, chief sanitary inspector of Leigh Council, Lancs, who without coupons obtained beef for a supper of the local branch of the National Association of Local Government Officers, was fined £10 at Leigh for contravening the Rationing Order.

Horace J. Brett, the council's canteen superintendent, who is a member of a food control committee, chairman of Atherston District Council and a magistrate, was fined £1 for obtaining the meat.

Parties For Churches

He said that he simply received the meat and cooked it for the supper.

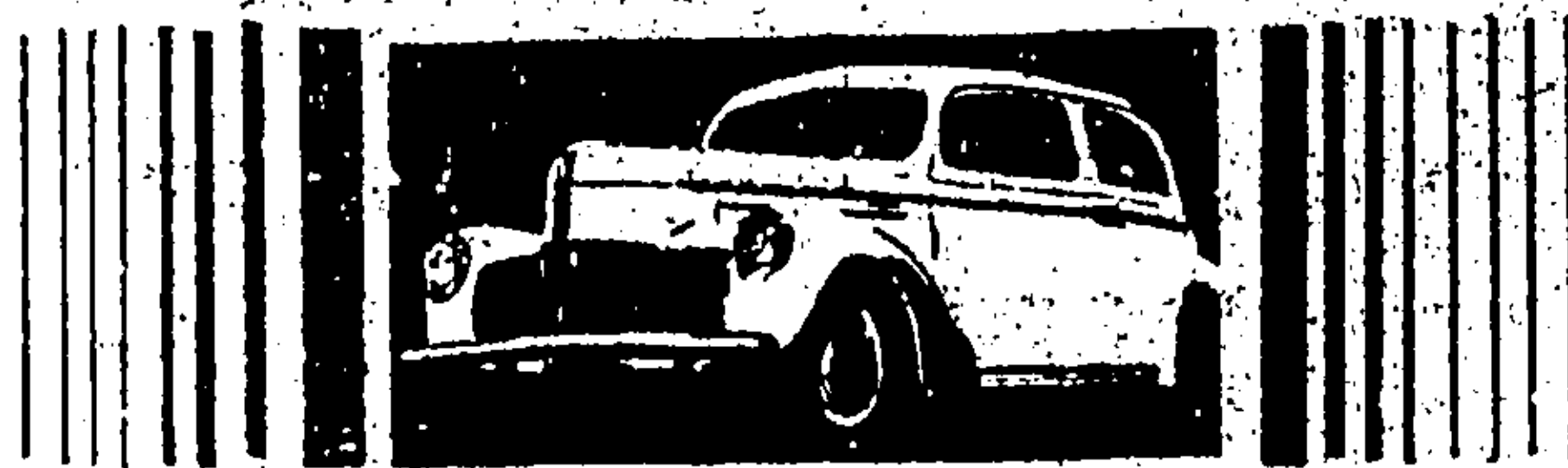
He understood that at the time parties for churches could get meat.

Thomas Waltho, butcher, of St. Helen's Road, Leigh, was fined £5 for supplying the meat.

Mr. T. B. Bamber, Food Executive Officer, said that Waltho had made a statement that Clusky had asked him if he could spare a piece of meat.

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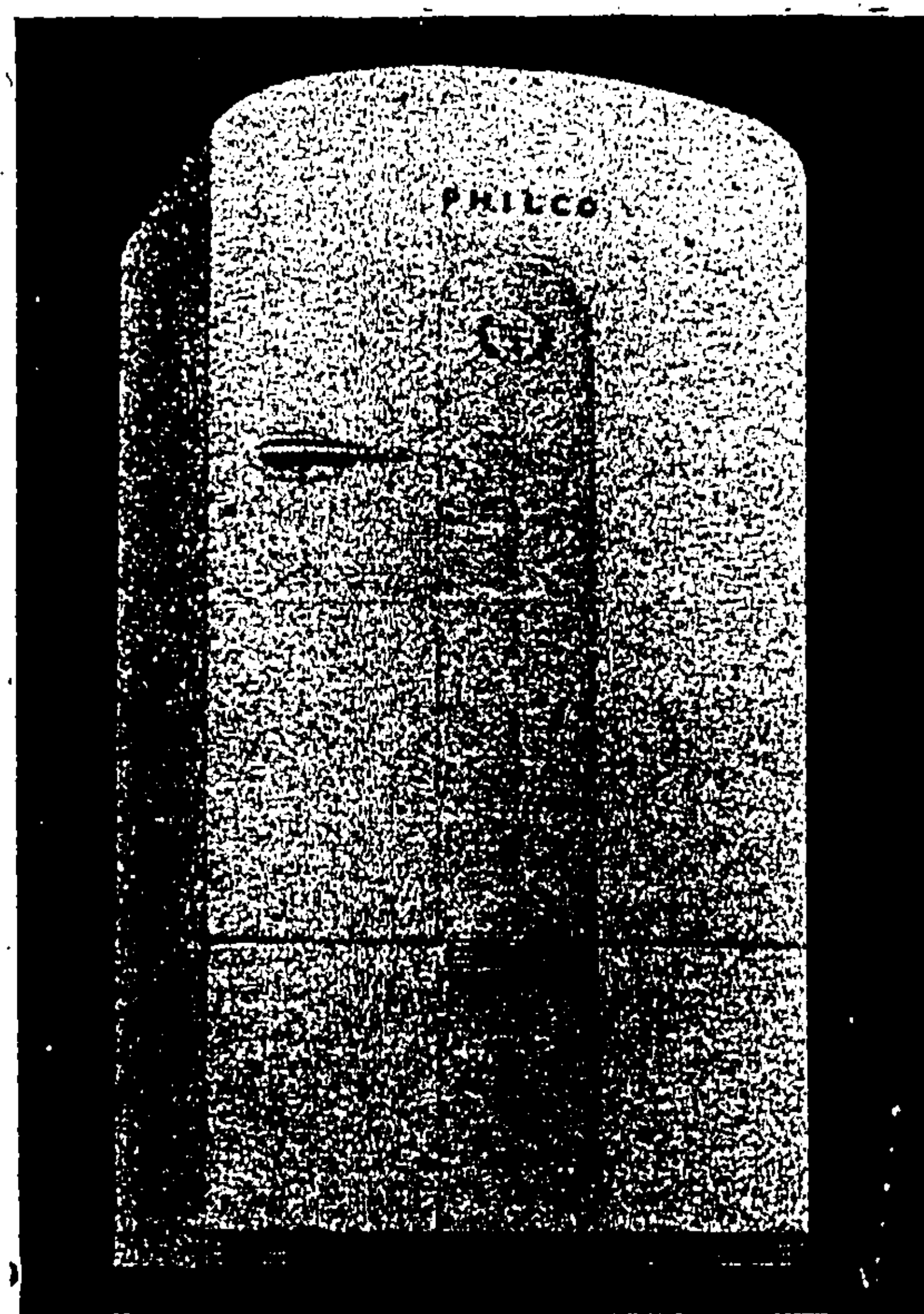
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March, 1941, at noon, in the BOARD ROOM of the Company, SECOND FLOOR, EXCHANGE BUILDING, HONG KONG, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1940, and re-electing two Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 14th March to the 28th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1941.

By Order of the Board,
J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director.
14, Des Voeux Road, Central,
Hong Kong.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., will be held in the Board Room of the Company, 2nd Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March 1941, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting convened for noon on that day shall have terminated, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:—

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:—

Number of Directors. "95. The Directors of the Company shall not be less than "six and not more than ten in number."

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By Order of the Board,
J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1941.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1941, to THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 16th March, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

Crime Doesn't Pay! No. 36

By The Four Aces

Expert sleuths will detect two crimes in to-day's hand:

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ K 8
♥ A 10 9 6 2
♦ Q J 8 7 2
♣ K

♠ Q J 5 4
♥ 8 7
♦ 6 3
♣ A 10 7 6

♠ 7 2
♥ K J 5 8
♦ 5
♣ J 9 8 5

♠ A 10 9 6 2
♥ Q 4
♦ A K 10 9 4
♣ Q

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the eight of hearts, dummy winning with the Ace. Two round of trumps were followed by the two top spades and a spade ruff. With a 3-3 spade break, South could have returned to his hand with a trump to discard dummy's club on a long spade; but the 4-2 break barred the waste of any of dummy's trumps.

He therefore returned a low heart from dummy, but East put up the heart King and hastily returned a club. Down one!

Two Bridge crimes have been committed in front of your eyes. See if you can detect them before you read on.

South committed both crimes. The first was in bidding six diamonds. North's original pass made it extremely unlikely that he held enough top-card strength to warrant a Slam bid. Furthermore, South had already shown the full strength of his hand in making the "skip-level" rebid of three diamonds.

The second crime consisted in mugging the Slam when West's unfortunate opening lead had given him a chance to make the contract. The Slam could be made only if a spade could be established for the discard of dummy's losing club. Correct play was to cash the spade King at the second trick, then the spade

NO MORE GIRL MATADORS

Girl matadors have now been banned in Spain, but girls on horse-back will be allowed to fight bulls.

There are only three or four girl bullfighters, the leading one now being Senorita Beatriz Santillana. Last year she had a narrow escape at Bilbao, when her horse fell and she was gored. The most famous girl matador of recent years was Senorita Juanita de la Cruz, who made £5,000 a year.

The Bullfighter's Union have decided that no matador shall get less than £100 per fight. "Aces" get about £400.

Ace, followed by a high ruff in the dummy of a third spade. Then a trump would give South entry for another high spade ruff. Dummy's fourth trump would return the lead to South, and the rest would be easy. The vital point was to save the trump leads as entries to the South hand.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ 10 4
♦ Q 5 2
♣ A 6 3

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid three spades. You are not quite strong enough to bid game at once, but feel confident of making game unless your partner has a minimum opening bid. You should therefore leave the choice to your partner.

Score 100% for three spades, 60% for four spades, 45% for two no-trump, 0 for pass.

Question No. 675

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ K 10 4
♦ Q 5
♣ K 6 3

The bidding:

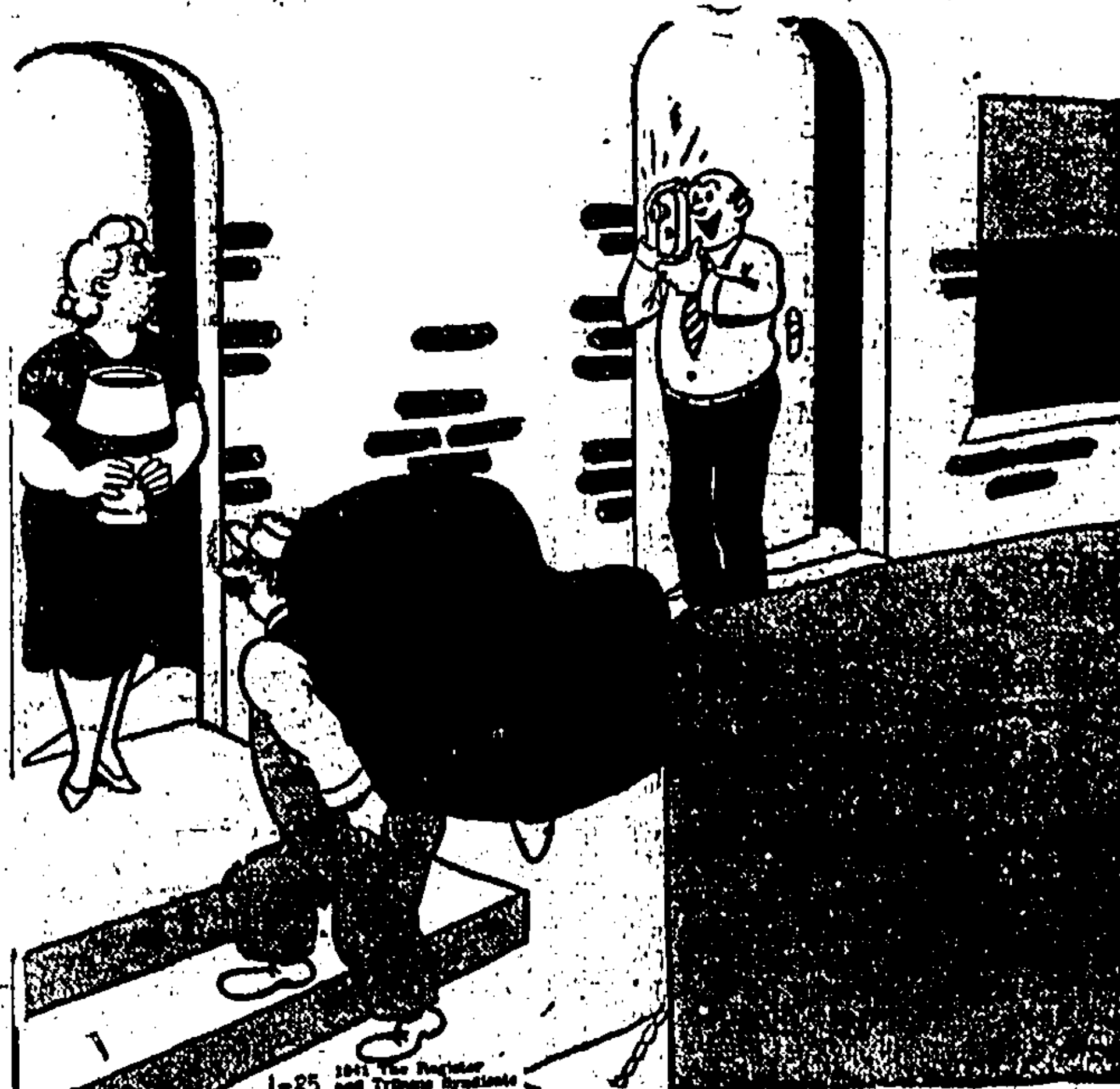
Burnstone	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"Do you mind? My wife isn't home, and I know she wouldn't want to miss this for the world."

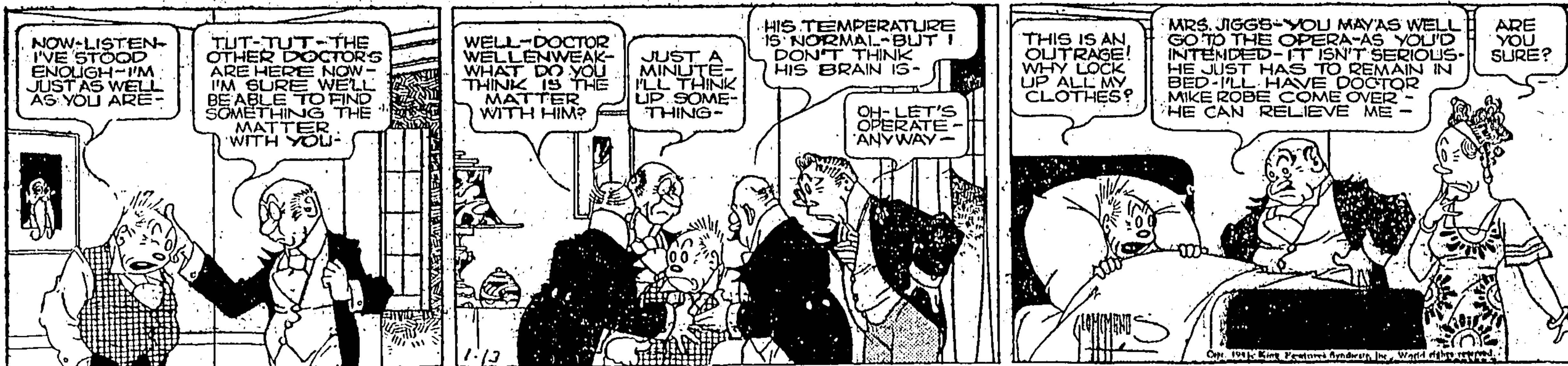
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

How Close Do You Measure?

The choice glamour girl of 1941 stands no higher than five feet five inches in her shoeless feet (two inches shorter, you will note, than choice of past two years) and although she has pleasing curves she will not weigh much over 118 pounds! That is the expert opinion of Miss Gloria Bristol who has been beauty advisor to many outstanding fashionable beauties.

Miss Bristol arrived at this con-

Savory Pot Roast

with a *very special* gravy

by Dorothy Greig

IS there, I wonder, any dish to equal the appetite rousing savor of pot roast? Especially on a cold night?

You can't be hasty or slap dash about a pot roast. In cooking, it demands its full meed of minutes and quarter hours. But finally in all good time it reposes on the platter, fork tender, with little rivulets of juice oozing from its



glistening sides. Served with a gravy of full bodied flavor, pot roast is a noble dish:

- 4 pounds beef, rolled
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 2 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup suet or 3 tablespoons fat
- Vegetables (2 carrots, 1 stalk celery, 1 medium onion)
- 1 can condensed tomato soup

A cut of beef from round, rump, chuck or shoulder is used for pot roast.

Mix the flour with the salt and pepper. Wipe the meat with a damp cloth, then dredge with flour and seasonings. Melt the suet or fat in a heavy pan and sear ends and sides of the roast.

Place the seared, roast on a low rack in the bottom of a heavy kettle or Dutch oven. (Beef bones may be placed in bottom of kettle and roast set on those, if rack is not available.) Cut the vegetables in pieces and put them in pan in which meat was seared. Cook in the fat for about ten minutes, then add one cup of hot water and pour all over the roast. Cover tightly and cook for two hours, turning occasionally. (The juices come out of the meat and roast finally cooks in its own juices.) Then add one can of condensed tomato soup and cook another hour.

Gravy for Pot Roast

Strain the vegetables out of the drippings and liquid from pot roast. Skim off fat.

- 4 tablespoons fat
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 3 cups liquid (meat juices and tomato soup from roast)

Cook the flour in the fat until frothy. Then add three cups of liquid; meat juices from roast with water added if necessary to make three cups of liquid. Add to the fat and flour and cook until thickened. Season if necessary. Serve garnished with mashed potatoes swirled into cone shape.



BRENDA MARSHALL of Warner Bros., has the Madonna-like beauty that typifies the choice glamour girl of 1941.

clusion, and the following ones, after questioning two hundred and fifty men from the social, business and theatrical worlds. Their consensus also seems to indicate that Miss Beauty 1941, will have a bust measurement of 35 inches, a waist 25 inches tiny, and hips not more than 36 inches. Naturally she is small-boned and not too broad shouldered. Gaiety and femininity are characteristics of this damsel, and South America and our own west will be her fashion sources.

Brunettes Favoured At Last

The colouring of this ideal girl is 'dramatic,' claims Miss Bristol, with pale blondes and porcelain-skinned redheads taking back seats this year. The spotlight is on raven tresses, dark eyes, apricot complexion.

She prefers deep red lipstick to highlight her well-shaped lips and make her strong teeth appear whiter. She skillfully plays up her large eyes with black mascara and eye-shadow so her escort will be conscious only of effect—not of means! She needs only a speck of cheek colouring and her dark hair is glossy and never set too elaborately.

Long Hair Getting Votes

Judging from the men's votes long hair is returning to favour, dressed in a simple Madonna-like fashion with a large and graceful chignon at the nape of the neck. (It appears men are tired to death of frizzy, dried hair in limp long bobs).

Regarding features, the small straight nose is preferred and well-formed ears close to the head

(Many men mentioned ears as beauty features!). The hands of our lovely have long, tapering fingers and very supple wrists. Her nails are nicely manicured, painted in one of the lighter shades and NOT TOO LONG. Toeless sandals will set off the beauty of her foot size 6A, and slim ankles and beautifully curved calves!

How do you measure up? Don't pout too much if you do not fall into this class of beauty. Maybe in 1942 your type will get the votes!



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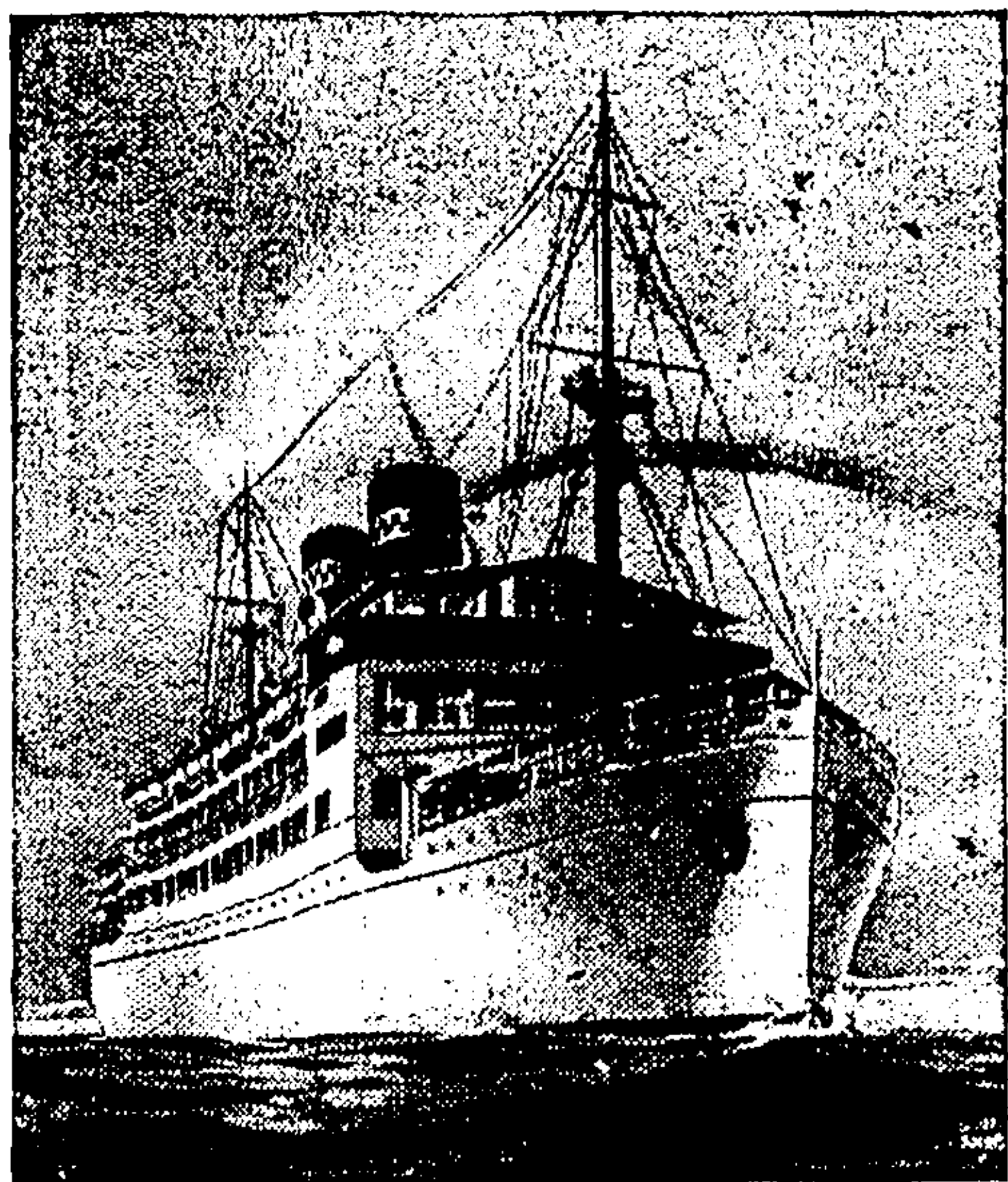
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FROM	DUE
Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service"—(Complete Mail) by Sea from Singapore	Mar. 27.
Australia, Rabaul & Manila	Mar. 28.
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Canton	Mar. 29.
Rangoon	Mar. 30.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 1st March)	Mar. 30.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 23rd March	Mar. 30.
Sandakan	Apr. 5.
Sandakan	Apr. 5.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 1st April	Apr. 8.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 27
Straits, South Africa and Parcels only for United Kingdom.

K.P.O.	
Parcels	4.00 p.m.
Reg.	5.00 p.m.
Ord.	5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Parcels	4.00 p.m.
Reg.	5.00 p.m.
Ord.	7.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways." K.P.O. & G.P.O.

K.P.O.	
Reg.	4.00 p.m.
Ord.	4.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways." K.P.O. & G.P.O.

K.P.O.	
Ord.	12.30 p.m.
Reg.	1.00 p.m.
Straits and Rangoon	2.00 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Parcels	4.00 p.m.
Reg.	5.00 p.m.
Ord.	5.30 p.m.
Manila, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	5.30 p.m.
Canton	5.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."

K.P.O.	
Reg.	29th 5.00 p.m.
Ord.	29th 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	29th 5.00 p.m.
Ord.	30th Noon.

MONDAY, MARCH 31
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa and Parcels only for United Kingdom.

K.P.O.	
Par.	29th 5.00 p.m.
Reg.	31st 9.45 a.m.
Ord.	31st 10.30 a.m.
G.P.O.	
Par.	29th 5.00 p.m.
Reg.	31st 9.45 a.m.
Ord.	31st 10.30 a.m.

Ceylon, India, East and South Africa 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Batavia, Mauritius, Lourenco-Marques and South Africa 3.30 p.m.
Rangoon and Calcutta 3.30 p.m.
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K.P.O.	
Parcels	4.00 p.m.
Reg.	5.00 p.m.
Ord.	5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Parcels	4.00 p.m.
Reg.	5.00 p.m.
Ord.	7.00 p.m.

* Superscribed Correspondence only.

VILLAGE DIGS ROAD FOR L.L.G.

Every able-bodied man for miles around marched into the little Welsh village of Cerrig-y-Druiddion before daylight recently, armed with a spade.

Led by the local Home Guard they began to dig through a landslide and other obstructions over ten miles of road and after eight hours' hard work, the job was done.

They did it so that Mr. Lloyd George, on his way to his wife's funeral at Criccieth, could get through in his car.

It began to look as though he would not get through to Criccieth in time for the funeral but the hardy Welsh villagers thought otherwise.

They dug a lane through the landslide, wide enough to take Mr. Lloyd George's car, and he was able to get to Corwen, where he left the car and took a train to Criccieth.

While going through the "lane," the ex-Premier's car was led by another car full of diggers, prepared to make alcoves in the landslide in case any vehicles should be coming in the opposite direction.

PLAYBOY BUILDING A ROAD

Former play-boy of the Turf, Private Gordon Roll, now prisoner of war in Germany, is helping to build a road.

"I am working very hard and keeping very fit," he writes to his brother, the Rev. Sir James Roll.

Gordon also sends a "hot tip." "The war will soon be over now," he says.

Whether you pay attention to the tip or dismiss it as so much youthful optimism depends on whether or not you are a racing fan—always remembering that Gordon is reputed to have lost £30,000 in six months' betting.

"Gordon is very adaptable and easy-going," his mother, Lady Roll, told a reporter. The play-boy picture that most people have of his character is entirely wrong.

"He is really a very serious-minded boy, and I expect that he will settle down to a real job of work when he returns to England."

From Captain Fulke Walwyn's stables at Lambourn comes the news that Gordon's famous string of racehorses is no more.

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 12.30 p.m.—Variety.
 1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.
 1.01 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) and Terence Casey (Organ).
 1.16 p.m.—Billy Mayerl—Aquarium Suite, Willow Moss—Moorish Idol—Fantail—Whirligig—Billy Mayerl (Piano) & His Orchestra.
 1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.
 1.45 p.m.—Selections from Puccini's Operas.
 2.15 p.m.—Close down.
 5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
 6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
 6.32 p.m.—Boston Promenade Orchestra and Webster Booth (Tenor).
 7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
 7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Meet Uncle Sam.
 7.30 p.m.—Compositions of Friml.
 8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
 8.02 p.m.—Some Welsh Songs.
 Two Old Welsh Songs: Adieu to dear Cambria; Menta Gwen. Evan Williams (Tenor) with Orchestra.
 The Little Thatched Cottage (arr Osborne Roberts); David of the White Rock (arr Osborne Roberts); Lella Megane (Contralto) with Piano.
 8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.
 8.30 p.m.—A Chopin Programme.
 9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
 9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
 9.30 p.m.—Magyar Imri & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.
 Pale Yellow Rose; I Love You Beautiful Lady (Sandor); Passing the Church; Lilac Flowers Mourn for Me (Zoltan); Magyar Imri & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra. Tatai Cardas (Hevesi-Kovacs); Szeretm A Kertet (Horvath-Keller); Kalmar Pal (Vocal) acc by Magyar Imri & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra. La Paloma (Vladimir); Magyar Imri & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.
 9.45 p.m.—Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor) and Evelyn Laye (Soprano). Let The People Sing (from C. B. Cochran's "Light Up"). Evelyn Laye (Soprano) with Orchestra & Chorus. Love Never Comes Too Late; Nobody Could Love You More (both from "Paganini"). Richard Tauber (Tenor) and Evelyn Laye (Soprano) with Orchestra. Solitude (Ellington & Others); When Day Is Done (de Silva-Katscher). Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orch.
 9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
 10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".
 10.15 p.m.—Variety and Dance Music.
 Fox-Trot—Prairie Boy... Roy Smek & His Hawaiian Serenaders. Vocal—Old Father Thames (O'Hagan). Gracie Fields with Orchestra.
 Fox-Trot—The Gaucho Serenade... Roy Smek & His Hawaiian Serenaders. Slow Fox-Trot—It's Funny To Everyone But Me... Harry Roy & His Orchestra. Vocal—Je Ne T'Aime Plus (Lemoir-Fiorelli)... Leo Marjane & Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Playmates... Harry Roy & His Orchestra. Vocal—Vonsolr Mon Ange (film "Radio City Reveals")... Leo Marjane with Orchestra.
 Tangos—Que Se Lo Que Tiene La Bahiana?; Mysterio... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro. Vocal—Say That You Will Not Forget (film "Forget me not")... Joan Cross with Orchestra. Fox-Trots—The Moon and the Willow Tree (film "The Road to Singapore"); Apple Blossoms and Chapel Bells... Everett Hoagland & His Orchestra. Vocal—Never Realised... Bing Crosby with Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Out of the Blue... Waltz—Memories Live Longer than Dreams... Jack Payne & His Band.
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IMMIGRATION INQUIRY

MAJOR MANNERS GIVES EVIDENCE

ON RESUMPTION of the Immigration Inquiry this morning Mr. J. D. McClatchie, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, confirmed Mr. Kobza's statement yesterday that when Mr. Kobza submitted an application to open a banking account in the name of "General Agent, Immigration Office," he advised him to style it "Kobza Art Studio No. 2 Account."

Mr. E. A. von Kobza-Nagy told the Commission afterwards, with reference to the statement yesterday that he was not prepared to put up a cash security for the General Agent, he was now prepared to do so and tendered a cheque for \$3,000.

Mr. Kobza, in reply to the Chairman, said he was not permitted to disclose the person whom he had approached.

Questioned by Mr. Forrest, Mr. Kobza said he remembered an occasion when a dinner party was given by the agencies. He saw an invitation, but he was not invited.

Later, he heard rumours of what had been said at that dinner party. Some of the remarks were injurious to him and the General Agent. He informed Mr. Forrest and consequently the head of a certain agency was requested to supply a report on what had passed at the party.

The report was produced and in it was mentioned the head of a certain agency, alleged ringleader of an apparently ferocious attack on the General Agent.

At that time, added Mr. Kobza, this certain agent was not on the list of recognised agents, as evidence had been obtained of forged signatures attached to some 40 Deposit Receipts.

Major Manners Called

Major C. M. Manners, Secretary and Manager of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, stated that one of his duties was to visit certain ships.

He visited the s.s. President Monroe on February 9 and in consequence of what he saw and felt, he made a report to his head, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, the following day.

The report, in part, stated: "On arrival of the President Monroe at the wharf, I went on board. Assistant Immigration Officer Burin was on board and soon after Mr. Forrest arrived, apparently in an unpleasant humour."

Major Manners added in the report that while he was standing there the company's shore captain, Mr. Thomas, shouted to his No. 1, to instruct the stevedores to come on board and to see that they produce their identification cards.

Comments Passed

Shortly after the stevedores started work, Mr. Forrest came up and asked his subordinate "What are these people doing?" The official addressed replied that they were stevedores, to which Mr. Forrest replied "You go down and if anyone has no proper pass, chuck him overboard." The attitude of Mr. Forrest gave Major Manners the impression that he was "mentally unbalanced," and several other officers on the ship passed comments on his manner. The report concluded that it was made so to prevent similar incidents and to improve matters.

Mr. Forrest to Major Manners: "This is not the first time there has been official unpleasantness between you and me?"

"No."
 "The last occasion was during the evacuation?" "Yes."
 "The previous charges were to the effect that I had instructed the officer in charge of accommodation space to evacuate people who were not Europeans?" "Not quite."

Two Letters

Major Manners then produced two letters—one to Mr. Davis, Director of Evacuation, and one to

the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson—relating to the evacuation incident, and remarked that the original letter from Mr. Forrest to the evacuation officer at the Peninsula Hotel was in his (Major Manners') possession.

Major Manners stated that his letter merely queried why "certain things had been done and why certain things had not been done."

Mr. Forrest pointed out that he was not commenting on the merits of the report but only wished to "recall that we have for a time been on bad terms."

In reply to the Chairman, who asked whether criticisms which witness felt it his honest duty to make, constituted "bad terms," Mr. Forrest replied: "On my side, yes."

"Impression"

Mr. Forrest to Major Manners: "In the letter of February 10, the only incident of rudeness and discourtesy you saw yourself was the instruction I gave my subordinate. What right had you to remark that when I came on board I was in an unpleasant humour?" "That was my impression."

"From what?" "From what I saw."

"My face?" "Yes, you appeared to be a little unwell and very disturbed."

In reply to Mr. Forrest, Major Manners said he would accept that Mr. Forrest was hard worked and that it had been reported to him that something had gone wrong. "I went on board to find out what was wrong and to put it right."

Excited Women

Major Manners admitted he was not aware that two women—a Frenchwoman and a Greek—became very excited when they were informed that they would not be allowed to land.

"I did not see them," replied Major Manners to Mr. Forrest. He added he would accept Mr. Forrest's statement that a subordinate had reported that a "large number of people were coming on board."

Mr. Forrest. It was my duty to ascertain whether these persons had any right to be on board the ship. Did you take my words "chuck him overboard literally?"

"No, simply that they were to be ordered to leave the ship, but it seemed to me that the method of the order might create trouble."

Major Manners said he asked Mr. Thomas whether the stevedores had obtained permission to board the ship and the reply was in the affirmative. Mr. Forrest was not present when this reply was given, and Major Manners had no reason to believe that Mr. Forrest knew of it. He accepted that an Immigration Officer would have to keep off unauthorised persons, and had no reason to think that the words used by Mr. Forrest would be literally carried out.

"Terrific Rage"

In reply to Mr. Forrest, Major Manners said that Mr. Forrest was "in a terrific rage and this made your men and those round rather nervous, not knowing what had happened inside."

Mr. Forrest declared that, for the last few minutes, he had been racking his brain to find an impartial witness and asked whether, if he called Mr. Clague, of the Passenger Department of the American President Line, to give evidence to the contrary, would Major Manners lose confidence in his diagnosis that Mr. Forrest was in a terrific rage.

Major Manners replied that he would not.

K.B.G.C. LIFE MEMBERS

Messrs. C. Bond, W. P. Headley and R. Duncan were elected Life Members at the annual meeting of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club held yesterday.

Following were elected to serve on the new committee. Mr. J. McKelvie (President), Mr. J. G. Meyer (Vice-President), Mr. H. White (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. E. A. Atkins (Hon. Secretary), Messrs. B. Wylie, G. E. Thompson, L. Guy, D. Waterton (Committee).

Mr. R. P. Phillips was elected Bowls Convener; Mr. A. E. E. Jeffries, Bar Convener; Mr. S. C. Walker, Grounds Convener; The Ballot Committee was Messrs. J. C. Gill, E. V. Searle, W. Houston, F. W. Grinter, G. Sherriff, R. Duncan.

There was some discussion regarding prizes when it was proposed by Mr. W. MacFarlane that certificates be issued instead and donations and entry fees be given to the Bomber Fund. This proposal was defeated.

Members signifying their intention of donating prizes were Messrs. K. C. Hamilton, P. J. Hamilton, B. Wylie, R. P. Phillips, L. Sykes, J. C. Gill, C. E. Turpin, C. Wallace, E. A. Atkins, H. Nish, H. G. Bicknell, D. W. Waterton, H. White, L. Guy, A. E. E. Jeffries, R. Duncan, F. W. Grinter, G. E. Thompson and "Stonecutters."

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ROYAL ENGINEERS WIN ARMY RUGBY DOUBLE

Sustain Only One Defeat In Three Years

Entertain Hopes Of Securing Third Title

ROYAL ENGINEERS secured the Army Rugby "Double" when at Sookunpoo on Tuesday they beat Combined Royal Artillery by two goals and a penalty goal (13 points) to a penalty goal (3 points) in the Large Units Army Rugby League.

Sappers have already won the Small Units Rugby League and are hoping to complete the "treble" by winning the Army "Sevens" of which they are the holders.

ARMY LEAGUE CRICKET

The first innings for the Royal Engineers in the Final of the Large Units Cricket Knock Out Competition was completed at Sookunpoo yesterday after scoring 145 runs while the Combined Small Units had only 15 runs for two wickets.

Sapper Bailey was the top scorer with 40 runs to his credit, closely followed by Spr. Tropp with 35 runs.

The game will be continued to-day.

Following is the full scores when stumps were drawn:

ROYAL ENGINEERS				
Tropp, l.b.w., b Dixon	35			
Ratcliffe, b Dewar	17			
Pelham, b Murphy	6			
Megson, b Dixon	14			
Shaw, c Webb, b Dixon	2			
Denyer, b Dixon	0			
Freeman, b Dixon	5			
Holliday, c Coombes, b Dixon	6			
Bailey, c Dixon, b Dewar	40			
Samways, c Gardner, b Dixon	8			
Goss, not out	2			
Extras (B7, LB3)	10			
Total	145			

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dewar	11.7	3	39	2
Murphy	11	2	42	1
Dixon	9	0	41	7
Coombes	3	0	13	0

COMBINED SMALL UNITS				
Logan, not out	4			
Webb, l.b.w., b Tropp	2			
Stoner, l.b.w., b Denyer	4			
Boocock, not out	0			
Extras (B8)	8			
Total (for 5 wickets)	15			

CRICKET TEAMS

K.C.C.
The following will represent Kowloon C.C. against Civil Service C.C. in a Junior League Cricket match at Cox's Road, on Saturday at 2 p.m.:
S. A. Gray (Capt.), E. Curtis, T. A. Madhu, K. M. Baxter, W. C. Hung, W. L. Rapley, R. J. Fenton, G. A. Goodban, G. E. Taylor, H. Brokenshire and L. R. Burch. Reserve, Major W. W. Parsons; Scorer, R. Leigh.

C.C.C.
The following will represent Craigswater C.C. in a friendly Cricket match against St. Joseph's College on Saturday, at Happy Valley at 3 p.m.:
A. M. Omar (Capt.), O. M. Omar, S. Leonard, W. Leonard, E. H. Small, U. H. Small, L. Choa, A. Hung, T. Lock, T. Edgar and S. R. Solina.

Y.M.C.A. BILLIARDS

The European Y.M.C.A. beat the Royal Engineers by 7 points to 3 in a friendly billiards and snooker match played on Tuesday night.

Scores were:
Billiards—Y.M.C.A.—Terra 150, Jones 150, Eager 150. Total: 450. R.E.—Colonne 108, Davis, 80, Thompson 148. Total: 334.
Snooker—Y.M.C.A.—Sykes 82, Neubauer 65, Decoster 98. Total: 245. R.E.—Brannon 88, Mitchell 116, Currie 87. Total: 249.

Play in the first half was on the whole scrappy but in the second period the game was opened out and good movements were seen by the threequarters of both sides.

The forward line of both teams played well.
Prominent players for Sappers' team were Foley, at scrum half, and Sheldrake and Davis in the forward line.

Royal Artillery were without several of their best players among whom were Bompas, Skipwith, Hook and Marsh. The latter will be out of Rugby for some time owing to injuries.

Fairclough played well at back for Gunners while in the forward line Page did well. Richards was seen as a centre threequarters instead of on the wing and played a sound game.

Sappers took the lead in the first five minutes through Foley and Birrell converted. Just before half time they went further ahead through a penalty goal scored by Birrell.

Play improved in the second half and Gunners reduced the lead through Gilliam from a penalty. Sheldrake scored for the Sappers later for Birrell to add the points.

Enviably Record

Sappers have an enviable Army Rugby record. They have won the Army "Sevens" for the last two years and the Inter Unit Rugby League last year. This season the League was divided into two sections and Royal Engineers have now won both.

They have only lost one game in the Army Competition in three years and that against 5th A.A. Royal Artillery, in the first game last season. In the open "Sevens" they were beaten by Club—the ultimate winners—by 8 points to 3 in the Semi-final.

Following players have been playing for them in most of the games for the past three seasons:—Birrell, Foley, Appley, Brinkley, Davis, Sheldrake, T. Jones, Picton and Martin. As these players will probably be here next season it seems that Sappers will again be a force to be reckoned with in Army Rugby.

YESTERDAY'S BADMINTON

Chung Hwa beat King's College by 6 games to 3 last night in the play-off for the "B" section of the Junior Division of the League.

S. B. Chau and W. C. Chung (King's College) beat C. M. Chiu and F. C. Liang 21—4
beat W. C. and W. H. Choy 21—3
beat P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu 21—11
K. H. Lo and K. J. Atwell (King's College) lost to Chiu and Liang 12—21
lost to Choy and Choy 19—21
lost to Leung and Chiu 21—34
K. C. Lui and H. T. Wu (King's College) lost to Chiu and Liang 14—21
lost to Choy and Choy 10—21
lost to Leung and Chiu 21—24

R.E. Soccer Team

Following have been chosen to represent Royal Engineers against Kit Chee at Sookunpoo Ground, on Saturday:
Moxham, Palmer and Tang, Chung, Bak, Chan, Ying-Kuan, Shaw (Capt.), and Taylor; Li, Wai-lam, Birrell, Fox, Pelham and F. Jones.

FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFEREE"

CONGRATULATIONS to South China on winning the First Division Football Championship for the fourth year in succession; in so doing they have beaten the record of the now defunct Chinese Athletic Association.

South China's performance is most praiseworthy when consideration is given to the handicap under which they started through the loss of most of their senior players. This was a sufficient setback but, to make matters worse, most of their promising junior players also left them.

Determination and the spirit of cooperation have done much to enable South China to retain the championship and though much of the credit must go to Lee Wai-tong for his guiding spirit on and off the field, the other players must come in for their share of praise.

Perhaps the happiest man in South China to-day is Mr. Leung Cheuk-wan, manager of the team. Mr. Leung held this post years ago and had retired from active interest in soccer, but he unselfishly came back in the Club's hour of need and has not spared himself in the best interests of the team.

The presentation to him of the ball, used in the Police-South China game and autographed by the players at a dinner following the game, was no mere gesture; it was a token of genuine thanks and appreciation for all he had done for the team and players during the season.

After their easy win over St. Joseph's in the Senior Shield Semi-Final on Sunday, South China hope to recapture the Shield and secure the "double".

Navy astounded their most optimistic supporters on Saturday by beating Eastern, holders, in the

KWONG WAH EASILY BEAT NAVY

By "Sportshawk"

DISPLAYING BETTER combination Kwong Wah defeated Navy by 4 goals to 1 in the Second Division of the Football League at Boundary Street yesterday afternoon, after leading at the interval by two clear goals.

Navy made several changes, bringing Mann to take over Anderson's position on the left-wing while Birch was seen on Bennett's position at inside-right. Bennett was seen in the intermediate-line.

Docherty was out in his best form, although he played a fairly good game between the sticks and in the first period saved several good shots.

Winter, at right-back, was the mainstay of the sailors' defence.

Semi-final of the Senior Shield Competitions. It was generally expected that Eastern would be able to win but Navy upset their calculations by their determination and hard play.

The Final against South China, if Navy have the same team, should be keenly contested.

While the First Division championship has been decided, the titles for Second and Third Divisions are still in the air, though Engineers and Air Force are the best placed for Second and Third Divisions respectively.

Signals dropped a very valuable point when they drew with 7th A.A. Royal Artillery, and this point may well cost them the championship as, till then, they were on level terms with Air Force.

Football Association are doing their utmost to finish the season by April 12 and, as a result, a number of games have been arranged for week-days.

The First Division game between South China and Police which started at 5 p.m. was finished in very good light so that it is possible for Civilian teams who cannot play early, to start a game at 5.15 on week-days and finish with plenty of light.



He cleared strongly and covered his partner, Sneesely, very well, particularly towards the end when he had to pay attention to the Chinese leader, Lee Yan-leung, their outstanding and most dangerous forward.

The Navy intermediate-line was the strongest department in their team. They were best served by Williams in the pivotal position, who kept the opposing forwards in check to a great extent.

Good Forwards

Their forwards were, however, too slow, lacked finish and showed little combination. Breese, right-wing, and Wilkinson, centre-forward, were the most impressive players.

The Chinese custodian, Lam Ching-fong, had not much to do, as his backs cleared well and held the opposing forwards.

Yeung Tse-cheung, the Chinese pivot, was in his great form. He had the opposing leader, Wilkinson, in close check and had his own forwards plied with many good and accurate passes. Lee Wah-chee held his own well at left-half.

Their attack was best served by the right-wing in which Lee Yan-leung, Leung Ping-kam and Lung Chi-lam formed a very strong attacking unit and these three players had the sailors' defence always worried.

Yeung Ping-hon also sent over several good centres from the left-wing.

Kwong Wah started to attack from the start and maintained this for the greater part of the first period in which they scored two goals through Lung Chi-lam and Lee Yan-leung.

Navy were awarded a penalty but Wilkinson failed to turn it to account.

On resumption, Kwong Wah still maintained their superiority and scored a further goal through Leung Ping-kam.

Breese reduced the lead for Navy with a good shot.

Shortly afterwards, Birch was given a great chance. He sent in a terrific shot but hit the up-tight.

In the last 10 minutes Kwong Wah scored their final goal through Lee Yan-leung.

NAVY—Docherty, Winter and Sneesely; Bennett, Williams and Ballie; Breese, Birch, Wilkinson, Mitchell and Mann.

KWONG WAH—Lam Ching-fong; Chau Wing-hung and Lo Shu-kar; Leung Ping-chun, Yeung Tse-cheung and Lee Wah-chee; Lung Chi-lam; Leung Ping-kam, Lee Yan-leung; Chan Wan-sang and Yeung Pun-hon.

SING TAO BEATEN

In a Second Division match played yesterday at St. Joseph's ground, Happy Valley, 30th R.A. beat Sing Tao by the odd goal in five. Hill (2) and Hillmeak (1) scored for the winners, while Cheong Moon-wing (penalty) and Siu Yau-sang scored for the losers.

Hole, at centre half for the R.A. was the most outstanding player on the field.

BIG BOXING MATCHES SCHEDULED SOON

RIGHTCROSS BIALTO will enjoy unusual activity during the next few months, with virtually all top-fight pugilists campaigning, writes Jack Cuddy from New York.

Joe Louis sets the pace, blasting heavyweight precedent with his fight-a-month programme. Bomber Joe defends his title against Arturo Godoy or Bob Pastor at Los Angeles, April 15, and against Billy Conn in June, probably at Yankee stadium.

Tony Galento attempts a comeback, meeting Buddy Baer at Madison Square Garden, March 28, and brother Maxie Baer has a return bout at the Garden on April 4 with Lou Nova, who belted Maxie out in 1938. The winner is virtually certain of a September title shot.

To Defend Title

Light heavyweight champion Billy Conn expects to defend his title in April against the winner of an elimination among Jimmy Webb of St. Louis, Tommy Tucker of New York and Gus Lesnevich of New Jersey.

Meanwhile Conn will have tune-ups against heavyweights in preparation for his June tilt with Louis. Billy is programmed to meet Bob Pastor at Chicago or Detroit.

Promoter Jack Kearns is planning a Florida fight with Anton

Christoforidis of Greece as one of the principals. Anton is recognised as light heavy king by the National Boxing Association.

Ken Overlin will defend his middleweight crown (New York Brand) in May against the winner of the Billy Soose-Ernie Vigh rematch.

Nearing Completion

Negotiations are nearing completion for welterweight champion Fritz Zivic to defend against Red Cochrane of Elizabeth, N. J. just as soon as Fritz recovers from a hand injury suffered in last month's bout with Henry Armstrong. The Zivic-Cochrane brawl probably would be staged in some New Jersey city.

Bob Montgomery, hard-hitting Philadelphia negro has developed into a formidable welterweight contender, and he may still be able to pare down to the 135-pound limit for a lightweight title shot. He is expected to be matched soon with either Zivic or Jenkins.

New York fans have lost interest in feather, bantam and flyweights, but there will be some activity among them in other cities.

NECAN TOPS STAKES MONEY WINNERS

Following shows how much the respective winners secured for their stables (names in brackets) at the Valley since January 1:—

United Express (Necan)	10,909
Distant View (Lan)	8,500
Oolong (T.K.L.)	6,181
Endeavour (Mrs. Chuong Ho-yen)	4,774
Sapper (Mrs. A. E. Graett)	4,500
Velvetlight (Cire)	4,266
Confusion Bay (T.K.L.)	3,250
Oracle (T.K.L.)	3,100
Happy Returns (Lee Chihoh)	3,000
Santa Anita (C.C.F.)	3,000
Jus Gentium (S. W. Lee)	2,987
Floetwing (Eu Tong-sen)	2,950
Starlight (Cire)	2,750
Black Seal (C.H.)	2,500
Palber (Marber)	2,300
Sam's Choice (Collene)	2,300
First Love (P. & L.)	2,250
Viceroy (Vilaja)	2,250
Colooma (Gredmaka)	2,150
Marsh Warbler (Pearatur)	2,150
A Surprising Time (Toote)	2,100
Charleber (Marber I)	2,100
Mainstall (Sailbad the Blinner)	2,000
King's Flight (Dynasty)	2,000
Lex Fori (Lee Bros.)	2,000
Navylight (Cire)	2,000
Dutch Treat (Hollandia)	2,000
Corsair (L.W.S.)	1,900
Prairie View (Lan)	1,850
A Happy Time (Li Po-chun)	1,750
A Luxurious Time (Miss Li Po-chun)	1,750
Gloaming (Eu Tong-sen)	1,750
O-Lan (T.K.L.)	1,577
Amulet Star (C.W.K.)	1,500
National Welfare (Yeung Bros.)	1,500
Bendmecc (P. M. Hoo)	1,500
Eve of Peace (Eve)	1,500
World Fair View (Lan)	1,500
Maple Leaf (Kwok Yee-chun)	1,500
Manhattan (Shields & Stanton)	1,500
Brutus (G. Treverton)	1,500
Optima Fide (S.W.)	1,500
Moonlight (Cire)	1,500
Never-Neve (Mrs. B. Hall)	1,500
Connieber (Marber I)	1,250
Sydney Lady (Lucky)	1,200
Fresh Air (S.K.)	1,100
Eve of Harvest (Eve)	1,072
Venus Bay (T.K.L.)	1,050
Fair Chance (Weetoo)	1,000
Mountain View (Lan)	1,000
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Centre Court (T.K.L.)	1,000
Bona Vacantia (Culture)	900
Bugle (C. H. Chan)	900
Lovelylight (Cire)	883
Gladiator (Eve)	850
National Courage (Why)	800
Eve of Dancing (Eve)	750
Conquering Time (Li Po-chun)	750
Hillsboro Bay (T.K.L.)	750
Australian Diamond (Diamonds)	750
A Rosy Time (Miss Li Po-chun)	750
Far View (Lan)	700
Iron Beauty (Iron)	700
The Koala Bear (Tester & Abraham)	700
Springhurst (Billy)	700
Newborn Star (C.N.K.)	600
Vis Major (Lee Bros.)	600
Vixen Tor (G. Tinson)	600
Eve of Reason (Eve)	525
Eve of Deception (Eve)	500
Tien Tien (Wai Shiu-pak)	500
Royal Sovereign (G. A. Harriman)	500
Hughber (Marber I)	500
Galveston Bay (T.K.L.)	400
Locus Standi (Lee Bros.)	400
Snow White (Mok Kon-sang)	400
Misty View (Lan)	400
Royal Wedding Eve (W. T. Stanton)	400
Devonian (Lady Northcote)	350
Roofly (Ellandee)	350
Vitamin M (S.S.)	300
Raconteur (Manetta)	300
Casino (Bridge)	300
Lovely Star (Kong Bros.)	300
Eve of Hunting (Eve)	300
Wonderful Scheme (Kong Bros.)	300
Potentate (Eu Tong-sen)	300
Rose Jane (Eu Tong-sen)	300
Burford (Quartermaster)	261
Pumpnickel (T.L.)	250
Seal River (Gredmaka)	250
Spieylight (Cire)	250
Cheerful Star (E.S.K.)	250
Brown Derby (Cocoa)	250
A Good Time (I.M.M.F.)	250
Colorado Star (Ellandee)	250
Odeon (T.K.L.)	250
Daylight (Cire, Jnr.)	250
Rowan (Ash)	250
Bendigo (Mrs. J. H. Taggart)	250
Cockleroi (Necan)	250
Lilliber (Marber)	200

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMME

Several matches in Colony Badminton Championships will take place at Club de Recreio and at Kowloon Cricket Club to-morrow and Monday, respectively, as a result of a rearrangement of the programme. The rearranged programmes are as follows:

FRIDAY, (CLUB DE RECREIO)
Men's Junior Singles
H. S. Jones v P. C. Leung (7 p.m.).
N. L. Smith v P. Wynter-Blyth (8.15 p.m.).
A. L. Fisher v Peter Lo (9.15 p.m.).
Men's Senior Singles
Patrick Wong (holder) v D. Kwok (7.30 p.m.).
Men's Senior Doubles
P. K. Hui and H. F. Chew v C. Y. Yung and F. Koh (8.45 p.m.).
MONDAY, MARCH 31
(KOWLOON C.C.)
Men's Junior Doubles
T. S. Young and M. K. Fung v Peter Lo and J. Tsang (7 p.m.).

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:—

Open Singles
Fung Yee-pui or Kenneth Lo v Paul Kong (5).
I. M. A. Razack v S. Y. Tong (7).
Open Doubles
George Choa and A. V. Remedios v O. Umetani and T. Imura (8).
Club Championship
F. W. Carter v M. A. Bierens De Haan (1).
Club Handicap Singles
A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/0) v H. E. Waller (plus 3/0) (6).
Club Handicap Doubles
G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (—15.1) v V. R. Gordon and M. H. Turner (—3/6) (2).
Club Handicap Mixed Doubles
C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (—4/6) v F. D. Hunter and Mrs. G. Campbell (—1/6) (3); E. H. Brazel and Miss M. Riddle (—2/6) v J. S. Theobald and Miss D. Eardley (—15) (4).
Men's Junior Singles
J. L. Anderson v E. Zimmermann (9.15 p.m.).
Men's Senior Singles
M. P. Young v P. K. Hui (8 p.m.).

TENNIS RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Following were yesterday's tennis results:

OPEN SINGLES
Fung Yee-pui beat Kenneth Lo 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.
C. Dunne beat S. Goodman 6-0, 6-1.
CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES
T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould beat Van Leeuwen and M. A. de Haan 6-4, 6-0.
H. J. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Blyth beat W. R. Lambert and N. Lloyd 6-3, 6-3.
B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow beat J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipwith 6-3, 5-7, 7-5.
CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES
R. E. Guest beat G. Campbell 6-1, 6-1.
Men's Senior Doubles
Patrick Wong and C. Au (holders) v H. C. Eardley and N. L. Smith (7.30 p.m.).
Men's Senior Singles
W. Gillies v K. W. Choy (8.45 p.m.).

PAGH AND UMETANI TO PLAY AGAIN

The replay of the Open Singles tennis match between M. Pagh and Umetani was again not decided after over two hours' play when the game was abandoned in the last set with the score at 11 all.

Pagh, giving an improved display, won the first set at 6-4 and in the second set was leading by 3-2 but lost it by 0-3.

In the final set Pagh was leading by 4 sets to 1 and seemed assured of winning when he lead 5-3 but he missed several easy chances. Umetani, by steady play, brought the score to 5 all and each player in turn lost their own service. Pagh obtained the odd game several times and when well-placed to win allowed Umetani to draw level.

When the game was 10 all Umetani appeared to be suffering from cramp and after a delay, the game was continued. With the score at 11 all the game was abandoned owing to the light.

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MATSUOKA ON 'LONG-SUFFERING' JAPAN!

MR. MATSUOKA, THE Japanese Foreign Minister, in an interview with the German newspaper "Angriff" is reported by the German radio as stating that "Britain and the United States will always oppose Japan's constructive work in the Far East. Japan is therefore on Germany's side."

"We want nothing from the Americans and leave them in peace. They should follow our example and leave us in peace in Asia."

The interview is stated to have taken place in the train taking Mr. Matsuoka to Berlin.

According to the German news agency, Mr. Matsuoka, in a message to the German nation last night, gave an assurance that Japan will not lag behind Germany in courage and determination to establish the world on the basis of the new order.

Mr. Matsuoka added: "The ideal which is dear to Japanese above all things is embodied in nakko ichio, that harmonious world community with room for all nations, in which they can realize their wishes and fulfill their missions."

That ideal, he added, was the basis of the tripartite pact. — Reuter.

GENERAL AUCHINLECK'S LONG TOUR

WITH HIS RETURN TO NEW DELHI YESTERDAY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, GENERAL AUCHINLECK, COMPLETED AN EXTENSIVE COUNTRY-WIDE INSPECTION TOUR IN WHICH HE SAW FOR HIMSELF MOST OF THE TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT AND MUNITION PRODUCTION IN EASTERN, SOUTHERN AND WESTERN INDIA.

The inspection was comprehensive, embracing all land, sea and air establishments and every phase of training, as well as production.

At Hyderabad, Bombay, Karachi and Jodhpur, trainees for the Air Force were seen at work,

while at various centres many hundreds training in different phases of technical services were inspected.

A special visit was paid to the rapidly completing aircraft factory in south India, where the first made-in-India plane will be ready by the middle of the year. — Reuter.

EXPLOITS OF COASTAL COMMAND

Some of the exploits of aircraft of the Bomber and Coastal Command in attacks on enemy shipping yesterday and on Tuesday are revealed in an Air Ministry communique.

A small enemy convoy was intercepted and bombed on Tuesday off the Dutch coast by Bomber Command aircraft.

In another attack an anti-aircraft ship was damaged, and near Borkum a naval patrol was bombed.

Also on Tuesday, Coastal Command aircraft attacked and scattered several enemy minesweepers.

Yesterday the pilot of a Coastal Command bomber sank an enemy supply ship.

From these operations, concludes the communique, one aircraft is missing.—Reuter.

POLICING OF THE BADLANDS

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, made a statement in the House of Commons yesterday regarding the working of the agreement for policing the "badlands" outside the International Settlement at Shanghai.

Mr. Butler, who was replying to Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Cons.) said that after lengthy negotiations, extending over several months, an agreement was signed on February 1 and came into force on March 15.

Mr. Butler continued: "While conditions in that area have continued to be unsatisfactory in recent months it is yet too early to judge what result the new agreement will have." — Reuter.

Experts Well Satisfied With Results

OBSERVATIONS BY THE R.A.F. AND REPORTS FROM "OTHER SOURCES" OF AIR RAID DAMAGE IN GERMANY ENABLE THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE TO FORM A GOOD PICTURE OF DESTRUCTION CAUSED.

"We are quite satisfied with the results, particularly from the point of view of dislocated transport," said an official of the Ministry in London yesterday, speaking of R.A.F. operations during December and January last.

British bombers, he said, succeeded in inflicting considerable damage on Germany's war effort exceeding the damage caused by German raiders over Britain.

Heavy bombs in the heart of Berlin penetrated to the Unterbahn (underground railway) where they brought traffic to a standstill on an important stretch, besides damaging shops, blowing the roof off a cinema and halting street traffic.

The damage, he added, was so extensive that it took 10 days to clear up in spite of large squads employed to conceal the effects of British bombing from the civilian population.

Hits were also obtained on a very important railway junction.

Some damage was sustained by the Police Presidency and the Law Courts. The top floors of the famous Wertheim Stores were burnt out while minor damage was done to a number of important industrial establishments.

Mannheim Damage

Mannheim suffered much more heavily than Berlin during those two months.

Widespread damage was inflicted to installations in the main docks. Several barges were sunk in one raid and water traffic blocked.

At the same time the shipyards were damaged and production held up. More than one engineering shop was completely destroyed and others damaged by

high explosives and fire. Among the Rhineland towns visited, Dusseldorf was a particular sufferer.

Speaking of R.A.F. damage to Mannheim, which is the most important industrial centre of the middle Rhine, the official said damage inflicted on plant and buildings of the Reinrich Lanz works is believed to run into millions of marks and production is likely to be affected for some time.

Munitions Train

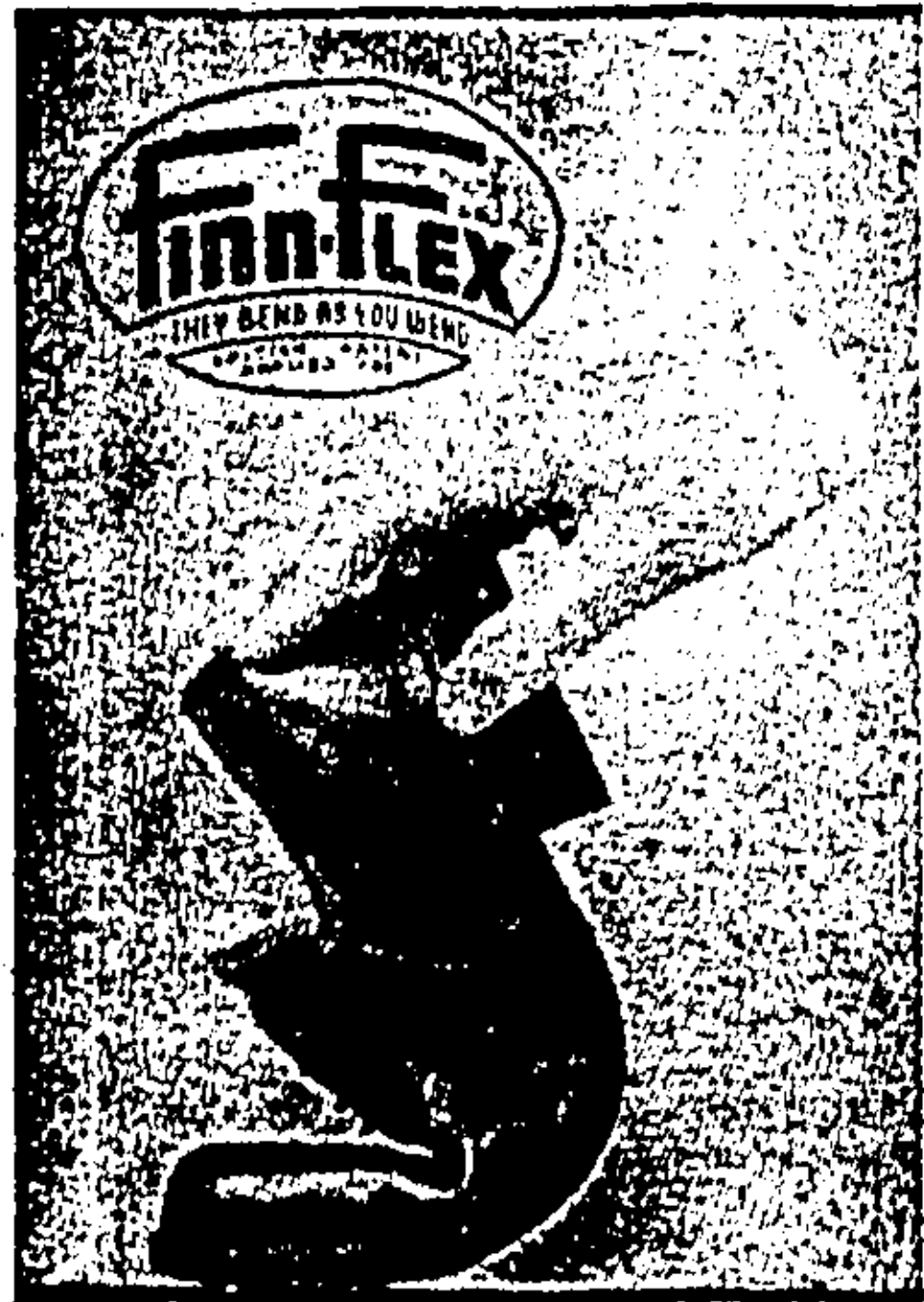
There was reason to believe that damage suffered by several other works had set the German chemical industry some difficult problems.

Several hits were scored on Mannheim's main passenger and goods stations, where an ammunition train was involved with unfortunate results to the surrounding district.

Near a goods station, a direct hit was obtained on the central field post office for the German army of occupation in France, necessitating its removal to Stuttgart.

As a result of the attacks, concluded the official, all rail traffic had to be diverted from Mannheim area through Karlsruhe and was likely to be overloaded.—Reuter.

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MEAT RATION REDUCED

THE MINISTRY OF FOOD ANNOUNCES THAT THE MEAT RATION WILL BE REDUCED FROM 1/2D TO 1/- FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MARCH 31.

The child's ration has been reduced from 7d to 6d.

Since January 8, when the Ministry stated that for the future the meat ration would vary between 1/6d and 1/- the ration has been kept unaltered at 1/2d. The reduction now to be made is due to a decline in the numbers of home-produced fat stocks coming forward for slaughter. — British Wireless.

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SERBIA MAY SECEDE FROM YUGOSLAVIA

JAPAN NOT SO SURE

The Tokyo "Chugai Shogyo" says in an editorial, that from the beginning of the war the Germans have been carrying on an almost ceaseless bombing of England but all military experts recognise she cannot make Britain yield by an aerial offensive alone.

Germany is now working for strengthening the blockade against England by means of naval and air forces but this again cannot hope to bring a decisive victory in a short time.

Furthermore one must allow for American entry into the war and for powerful counter-action by Britain's naval strength.

The final key which will decide which is the victor lies not in big-scale German aerial attacks nor the destructive war on trade routes now developing but in the success or failure alone of landing operations in England.

THE "NICHU-NICHU" HAS AN UNFAVOURABLE EDITORIAL ON THE SAME SUBJECT.—REUTER.

ANOTHER ITALIAN DRIVE?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Reliable sources in Belgrade yesterday declared another large-scale Italian drive in Albania is expected to be launched within six days.

Preparations are virtually complete and the Italian troops have now restored "numerical equality" with the Greeks.

Italian artillery has already begun an offensive.—International News Service.

CAROL'S PLANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM BUENOS AIRES STATES THAT THE FORMER KING CAROL AND MADAME LUPESCU HAVE BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO RESIDE IN ARGENTINA OR CHILE.

A report from neutral sources in Lisbon states that the ex-King and Madame Lupescu have already left for South America on

Rumours Spread With The Rioting

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT WAS RUMOURED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT SERBIA MAY SECEDE FROM YUGOSLAVIA AND ENDEAVOUR TO FORM A NATION UNDER RUSSIAN PROTECTION.

"WE ARE READY" ROAR IN ANKARA PARLIAMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A roar of "we are ready" greeted a warning by Deputy Tankut in the Turkish Chamber of Deputies yesterday of a possible Axis attack.

The reaction clearly demonstrated the importance attached to the agreement with Russia.—International News Service.

Action To Stop Strikes

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The U.S. Government yesterday suddenly cracked down against strikes handicapping the national defence programme.

Col. Frank Knox, Minister of the Navy, and Mr. William Knudsen wired the management and union members, virtually ordering the Allis Chalmers plant at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, closed for 64 days, to be reopened.

The Navy reported the strike was delaying completion of 25 destroyers.

Mr. Knudsen also ordered the Congress of Industrial Organisation to remove vandalism in the strike-bound Pennsylvania plant.—International News Service.

MARTIAL LAW IN SYRIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") It was reliably learned in London yesterday that martial law has been declared in several districts in Syria to curb disorders.—International News Service.

The s.s. "Exeter" It is believed that the couple will make their residence in Santiago, Chile.—International News Service.

French sources in London circulated a report stating that Russian appeals to Europe's Slavic elements are really designed to fan Serbian separatism.

It is known that the sons of many leading Serbian families are serving with the British and Greek forces, and the Serbian population generally has the greatest sympathy for the British cause.

Meanwhile rioting in many sections of Yugoslavia continues.

A new note in the Belgrade demonstrations is the demand for a Yugoslav understanding with Russia.

The police keep battling demonstrators, many of whom have been arrested.

The rioters are chiefly students, who have precipitated many disorders and are calling for a protest strike.

OTHER RIOTS ARE OCCURRING IN SARAJEVO, RAGUSA, LUBIANA AND VALAVO.

Hundreds Of Arrests

Demonstrations are occurring in Montenegro, East and West Serbia, besides Belgrade where hundreds of arrests have already taken place.

Fierce street fighting occurred in the streets of the capital.

High school and university students have sent a demand to the Minister of Education for the expulsion of all German students in Yugoslavia, as a condition for their return to classes. They marched in the streets of the capital waving British and Yugoslavian flags.—International News Service.

GREECE RETALIATES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Quick retaliatory measures were taken by Greece yesterday when free port facilities extended to Yugoslavia in Salonika were revoked.

Meanwhile, Greek authorities in Athens from Prime Minister downwards have re-affirmed the country's determination to continue the fight despite Yugoslavia's adhesion to the Axis pact.

The Greek Premier, M. Koritzis, said: "Greece will carry on in the face of any new threats appearing on the horizon.—International News Service.

TRIPLE TRAIN SMASH

Blocking of traffic on the Tokaido trunk railway line extending from Tokyo to Shimonoseki in a triple collision last night caused two deaths and injured more than 140.

Two Limited expresses, as well as other trains, were held up, throwing Osaka station into confusion, and station officials suspended the selling of tickets.

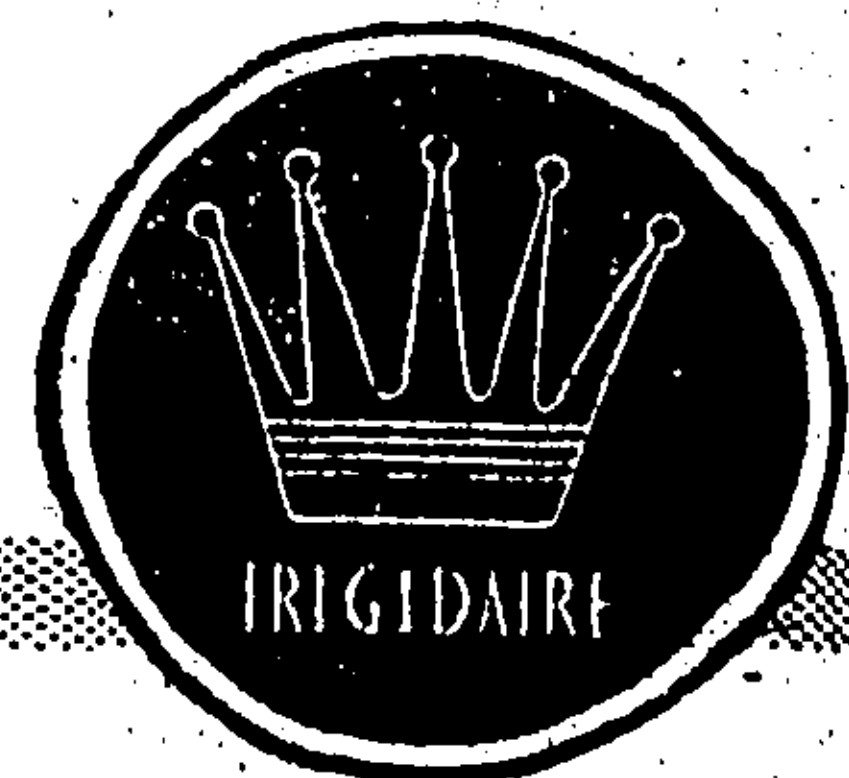
The triple accident occurred at 9.50 p.m. at Tsukamoto station, first stop west of Osaka, when a westbound passenger train was hit on the side by a freight car leaving the yards.

The impact flung the locomotive, baggage car and a second-class car off the tracks and down the embankment. Other carriages of the passenger train were also derailed.

Delayed Departure

Into this wreckage dashed the eastbound inter-urban electric train, crushing the derailed cars and passengers.

The accident, which was one of the worst on record on the Japanese Government railways, is believed to have been caused by the delayed departure of a freight train, which upset the schedule.—Reuter.



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BRITAIN'S LAST WORD

Yugoslavia's Previous Assurances Broken

Statement In Commons

BRITAIN'S LAST WORD to the Yugoslav Government before the latter signed the Axis Pact was disclosed textually by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, in the House of Commons yesterday.

When signature of the Pact appeared imminent, the British Minister in Belgrade sent a Note to the Yugoslav Government indicating Britain had been led emphatically to believe that no action could or would be taken capable of harming or making serious difficulties for nations upholding a cause which, she was assured, the Yugoslav people regarded as their own.

"The British Government therefore are shocked to learn that Yugoslavia now suddenly contemplates signature of an agreement by which she will not only abandon her neutral attitude but enter into the very system of Britain's enemies.

"If such an agreement is concluded the British Government is bound to point out that in the light of recent history, the Yugoslav people will almost certainly be drawn more deeply into that system as time goes on.

German Scruples

"The history of the past 18 months has shown how little Germany scruples to honour assurances she has given.

"Responsibility for the results of Yugoslavia's present decision rests with the Yugoslav Government." — Reuter.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN SPAIN

THE FOOD SITUATION IN SPAIN IS VERY SERIOUS AND BOTH BRITAIN AND AMERICA WOULD BE VERY GLAD TO ALLOW WHEAT SHIPMENTS TO GO TO THAT COUNTRY.

This statement was made to Reuter yesterday by an official of the British Ministry of Economic Warfare in London.

Asked whether the French Government had thanked Britain for allowing food to go to France, the official said that a recent Vichy broadcast had said something to the effect that the needs of unoccupied France were now being met.—Reuter.

DIVE-BOMB ATTACK ON MALTA HARBOUR

Enemy aircraft attempted to dive-bomb the harbour at Malta on Tuesday, according to an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

No serious damage or casualties resulted but slight damage was done to civilian property.

One Junkers 88 was shot down by anti-aircraft fire and others were damaged. —Reuter.

TURKEY GIVES WARNING

Turkey has an absolute community of interests with Britain.

This declaration was made yesterday by Refet Canitez, Vice-President of the Turkish National Assembly, broadcasting from Ankara.

Bulgaria, he said, had surrendered her independence, while Greece, "who is our neighbour and friend, has been fighting against the aggressor with a heroism which would be the envy of the mythological heroes."

The Anglo-Turkish Alliance, he continued, had thus far kept the peace in the Near East, but "danger has now penetrated into our zone of security and has assumed an extent which constitutes a threat to our existence. "On the day our security is encroached upon, the Near East will be transformed into a battlefield."—Reuter.

COSTLY ITALIAN COUNTERATTACKS AT KEREN

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Keren Front)

WHILE THE R.A.F. AND ARTILLERY CONTINUE TO HAMMER THE ITALIANS ON PEAKS AROUND AND IN KEREN ITSELF, SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES ARE RUSHING MATERIAL TO THE FRONT IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT ASSAULT.

Despite vigorous Italian counter-attacks the British troops are well able to hold the positions taken during the advance at the end of last week, and patrols are sent each night along the slopes of heights still held by the enemy.

Counter-attacks are becoming increasingly costly to the Italians and the boulder-covered slopes leading to Fort Delogorodoc are strewn with bodies left by the enemy after each of their nine attempts to recapture their positions.

In one of two attacks on Monday night the Italians used three tanks and an armoured car. One tank is believed to have been knocked out. The others retired. — Reuter.

NORWAY'S WAR CONTRIBUTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Crown Prince Olaf of Norway disclosed in New York yesterday that 100 Norwegian vessels totalling over one million tons and manned by 25,000 Norwegians are being used to carry goods to Great Britain.

This, said the Crown-Prince, represented Norway's greatest contribution to the Allied cause.—International News Service.

GERMAN BLOCKADE EXTENSION

The extension of Germany's counter-blockade to within three miles of Greenland and thus to the threshold of the western hemisphere, was stated by Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, at a press conference in Washington yesterday to be receiving attention by members of the Administration.

The German explanation that the extension was made because United States ships were alleged to be unloading supplies there for trans-shipment to Britain, is contested by members of the U.S. Maritime Commission.

They declare no American ships are sailing to Iceland and the only ships plying between the United States and Iceland are said to be six small cargo-boats under the Iceland flag with supplies for Iceland.

Mr. Sumner Welles also announced that the State Department had cabled Admiral Leahy, Ambassador to Vichy, for a complete report on the new food agreement reported to have been reached between occupied and unoccupied France. — Reuter.

GERMAN PLANE SHOT DOWN

The Admiralty announce that a German aircraft was shot down on Tuesday while attempting to attack a convoy in the North Sea.

A German Messerschmidt 110 was hit in the nose by guns of H.M.S. Versatile (Commander J. H. Jauncey, R.N.).

No damage or casualties were sustained either by Versatile or by the merchantmen to which she was acting as escort.—Reuter.

EVERY BRITISH HOME RECOMES A CASTLE

"UNDER THIS SCHEME every British home is indeed a castle," declared Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, broadcasting last night on the new War Damage Act.

The Act provides for compulsory insurance of property and free limited compensation for destroyed furniture.

FIREWOOD SHOPS FINED

Chan To-cheun and King Ip-woo, masters of firewood shops in Canton Road, were each fined \$40 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara to-day for selling firewood above the maximum price.

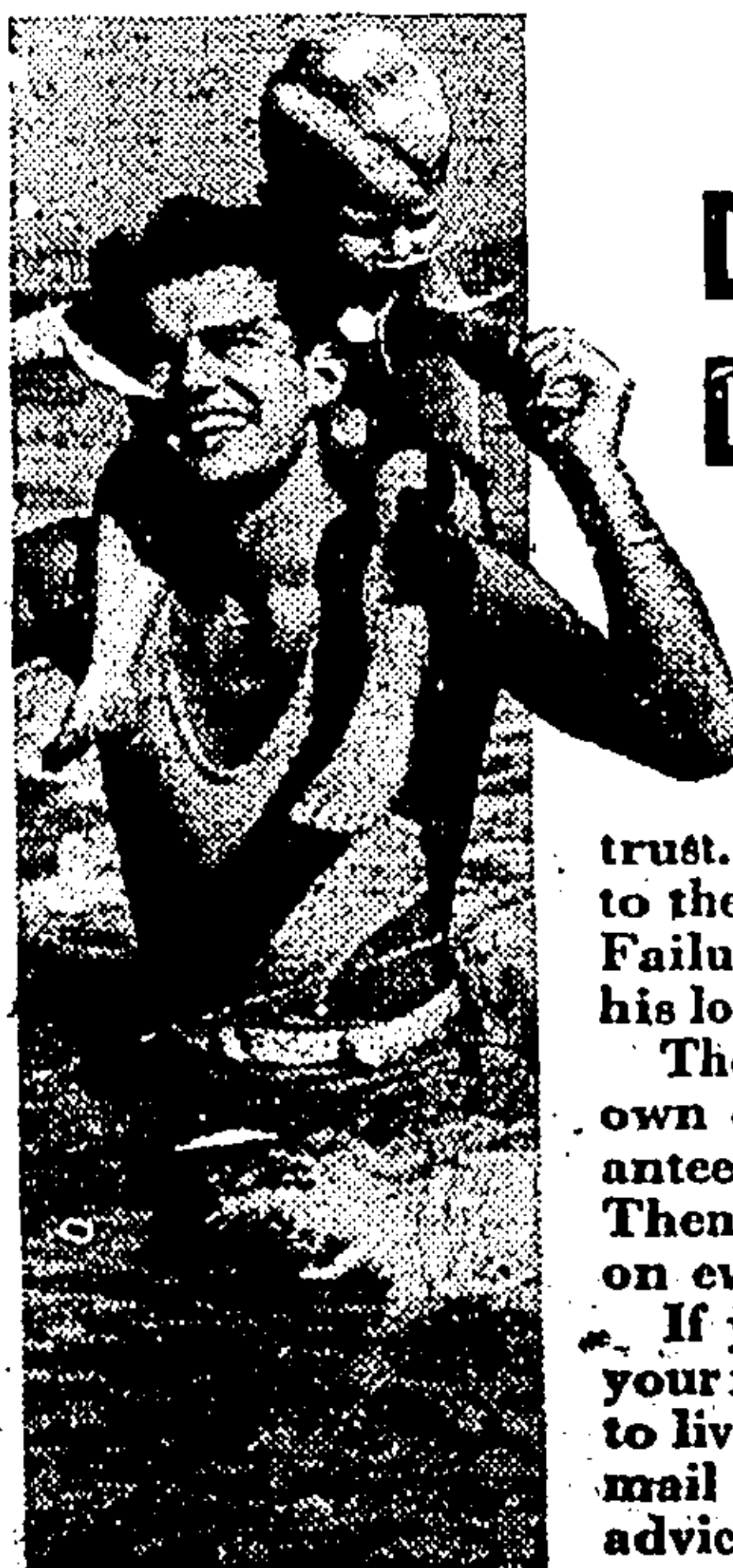
First accused sold 25 cabbages for \$1 and second 27 cabbages instead of 40 fixed by the Store Controller.

The Chancellor declared the scheme amply covered everyone. It covered, he explained, not only actual destruction but consequential damage such as that resulting from rain falling through a hole in the roof caused by a bomb.

Those who had already suffered would be treated as if the scheme had been in force since the outbreak of war.

The Chancellor described the Act as an essential part of our answer to Hitler.

HE ADDED: "THE R.A.F. OVER GERMANY ARE GIVING HIM ANOTHER ANSWER WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO GROW MORE AND MORE UNPALATABLE TO HIM." — REUTER.



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VIOLENT BELGRADE SCENES

USE OF SOUTH AFRICANS

The question of the use of South African troops outside Africa was raised in the Union House of Assembly yesterday.

General Smuts, the Premier, stated the Government intended strictly to abide by the decision taken by Parliament at the beginning of the war against overseas expeditions.

If circumstances arose which, in the opinion of the Government, made it necessary to send troops outside the African Continent, Parliament would be summoned.

General Smuts stated the Government were entitled to use their troops in any part of Africa and would do so if necessary.

He added that no South African troops were at present fighting in Greece or anywhere outside Africa.—Reuter.

2 MEN ARM ONE SOLDIER

IN THE LAST WAR ONE MUNITIONS WORKER COULD SUPPLY TWO FIGHTING MEN, BUT NOW IT TAKES TWO WORKERS TO EACH FIGHTER.

This is pointed out by Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, President of the Board of Trade in "War Savings," the monthly journal of the National Savings Movement.

"Sooner or later," he writes, "everyone will have to go without something or other which he is accustomed to have—some luxury, some comfort and even some things which our high standard of life in this country has led us to believe are, at any rate, half necessities."

This is because more plant, more raw material and more men must be released from the home trades.

IMMIGRATION OFFICE CASE

NG CHI-HON, 27, MESSENGER OF THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING, WITH OBTAINING \$25 BY FALSE PRETENCES.

Det. Sub-Inspector J. O'Donovan said defendant went to counter and obtained the money with a deposit receipt, which he picked up inside the office.

Defendant was remanded for a week to enable him to make restitution.

JAPANESE DEMANDS IN AMOY

MR. I. C. HANNAH (Cons.) asked in the House of Commons yesterday for information regarding Japanese demands at Amoy and whether steps were taken to support the foreign administration against demands calculated to subject the Settlement to Japanese domination.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the Japanese consul-general at Amoy presented four requests on January 20, three of which presented no difficulty, but the fourth was for the immediate appointment of six Japanese sergeants in the police force.

Negotiations had been proceeding between the Japanese consul-general and the British consul-general in his capacity of Senior Consul.

Mr. Hannah: Is the present position not extremely unsatisfactory?

No answer was given.—Reuter.

Government Blandly Ignores Popular Feeling

YUGOSLAV POPULAR FEELING AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA'S ADHERENCE TO THE AXIS PACT FOUND EXPRESSION IN A HUGE DEMONSTRATION OF PROTEST IN THE MAIN STREET OF BELGRADE YESTERDAY.

Students marched arm in arm singing national and patriotic songs. There was violent quarrelling among onlookers, blows were exchanged and plainclothes police, with whom the city had been filled, immediately intervened and took a number of people into custody.

Even schoolchildren in Belgrade are participating in the protests. Hitler's portrait was burned at schools and the portrait of the boy King Peter framed with red carnations.

More serious rioting occurred at Banyaluma, where 14 were killed.

RIOTING ALSO OCCURRED AT SKOPLJE ON TUESDAY NIGHT, AND YESTERDAY MORNING ALL TELEPHONE LINES WITH BELGRADE WERE CUT.

Radio Belgrade last night represented the reaction to Yugoslavia's adherence to the Pact as "favourable throughout the country."

This presumably reflects the Yugoslav Government's views.

"Satisfaction"

"In Slovenia satisfaction is expressed at the fact that Yugoslavia's independence will not be infringed," said the announcer.

"In south Serbia some uneasiness was felt at first but this was dispelled since it was learned that no German troops are to pass through Yugoslav territory."

"In Bosnia there was similar relief and in Sarajevo general content reigns at the assurance that the country is not being dragged into the war," he concluded.—Reuter.

Demonstrations

All Over Country

LATER. DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUED IN BELGRADE LAST NIGHT, SAYS A MESSAGE FROM THE YUGOSLAV CAPITAL RECEIVED IN NEW YORK, AS WELL AS IN MANY OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

Demonstrators in Belgrade are demanding a Yugoslav understanding with the Soviet. The police are making repeated attempts to restore order.

REPORTS REACHING BELGRADE REVEAL THAT DEMONSTRATIONS ARE OCCURRING AT SARAJEVO, RAGUSA, LUBLIANA AND VALAVO.—REUTER.

THAI CONSULS FOR INDO-CHINA

Thailand has decided to send two consuls to French Indo-China with the restoration of peaceful relations between the two countries as a result of the Tokyo mediation conference, it is reliably learned in Tokyo. It is understood the new consuls will be stationed at Saigon and Hanoi.—Reuter.

SAFE DEPOSIT THEFT REPORTED

Mr. Lau Hei-chung, manager of the Lee Shun Company, Wing On Bank Building, has informed the Police that he found jewellery to the value of \$1,700 missing from his safe deposit box in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank on Monday.—British Wireless.

M.P. UNOPPOSED

Mr. R. Moelywn Hughes was returned yesterday as Labour M.P. for the Carmarthen division, rendered vacant by the appointment of Major Daniel Hopkin as London Stipendiary Magistrate.—British Wireless.

E-BOAT ATTACKS DRIVEN OFF

British light naval forces operating in the North Sea during the last few days have driven off attacks on convoys by German E-boats.

Several E-boats, states an Admiralty communique, were seen to be hit and it is probable that some failed to return to their base.

No damage or casualties was sustained either by British naval ships or merchant vessels in convoys attacked by E-boats.—Reuter.

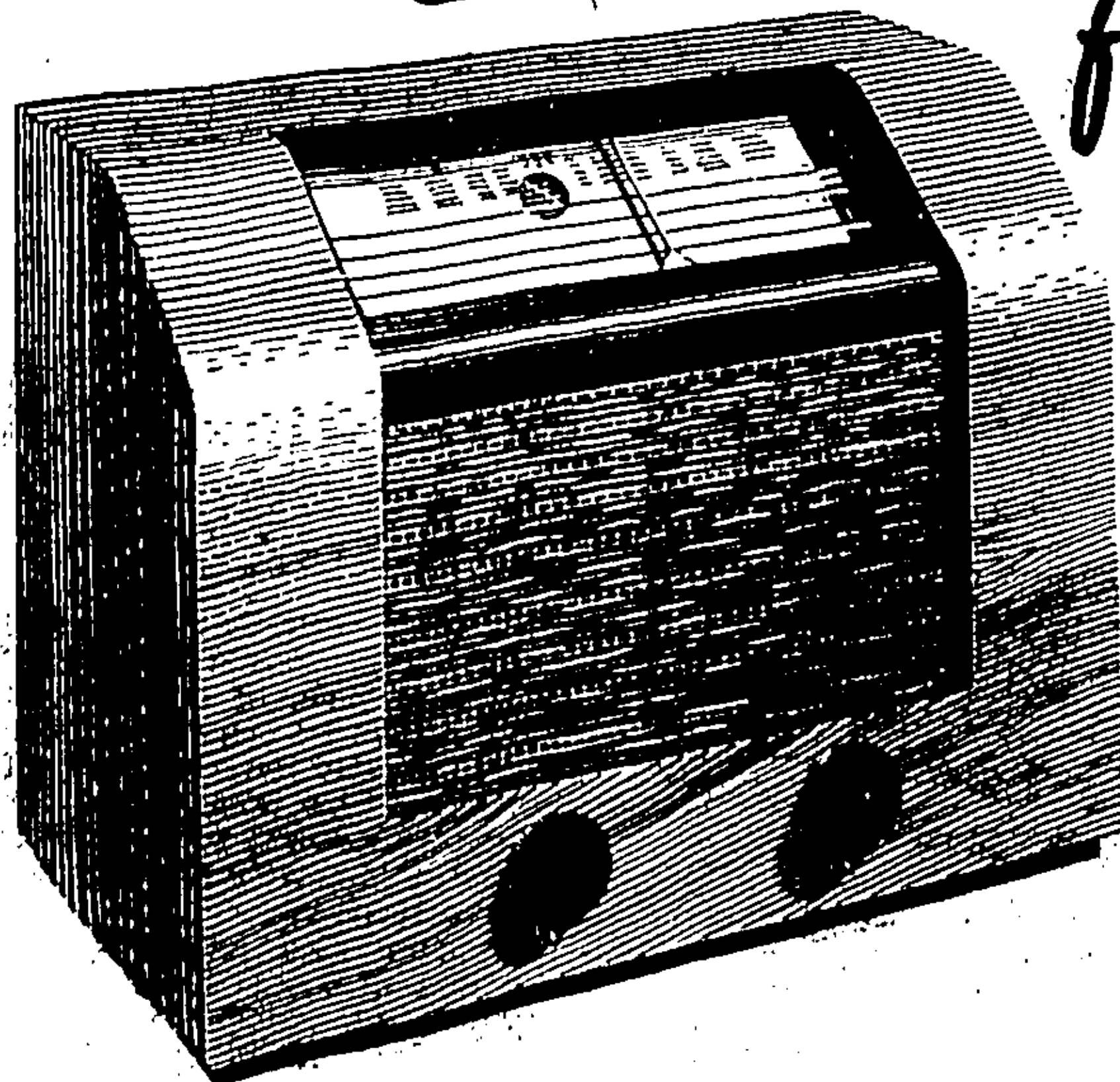
THAILAND MOVE AGAINST CHINESE

To prevent Fifth Column activities the Siam Government has decreed that all Chinese subjects will be prohibited from entering border areas, according to a Japanese report from Bangkok.

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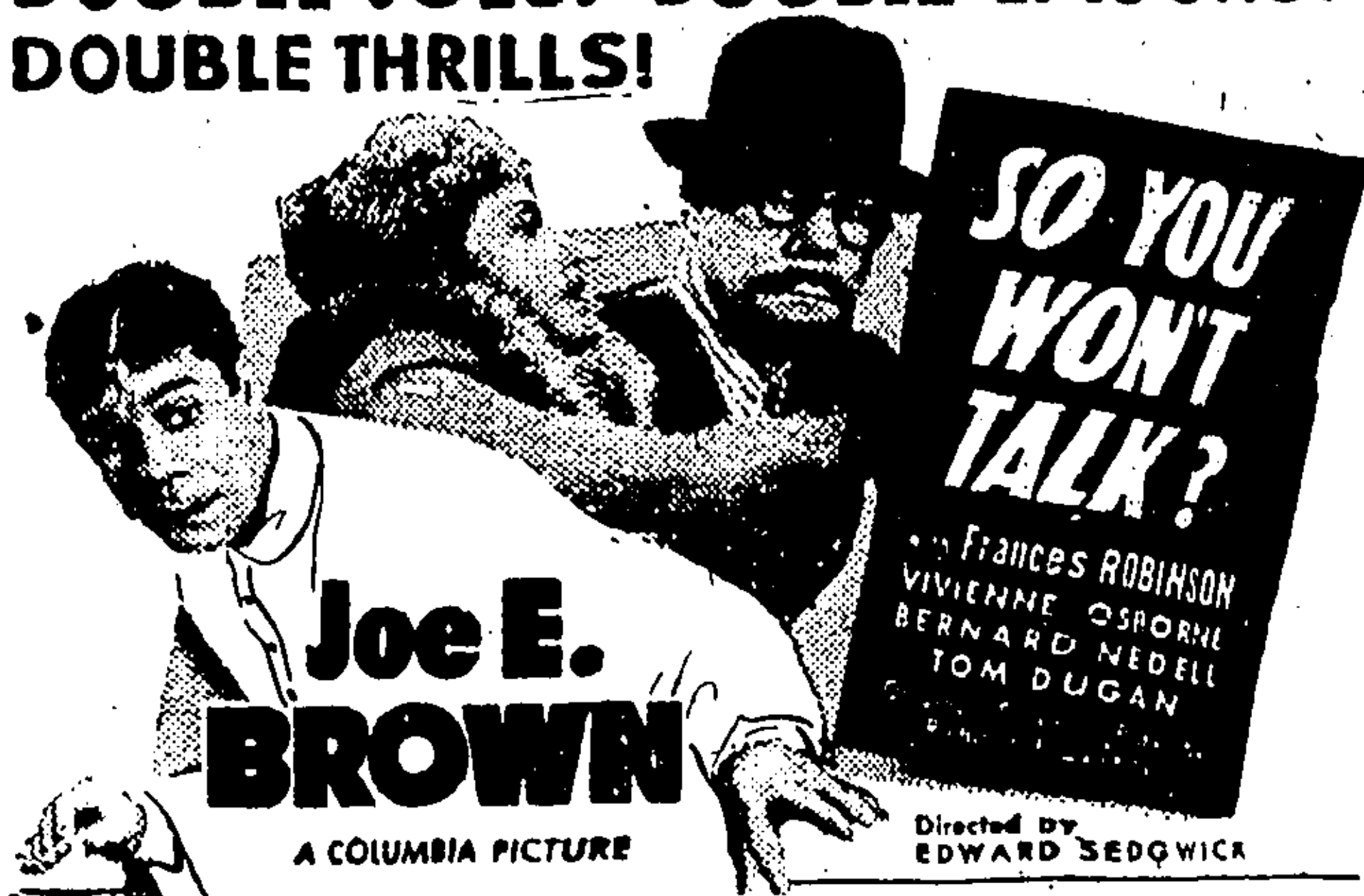
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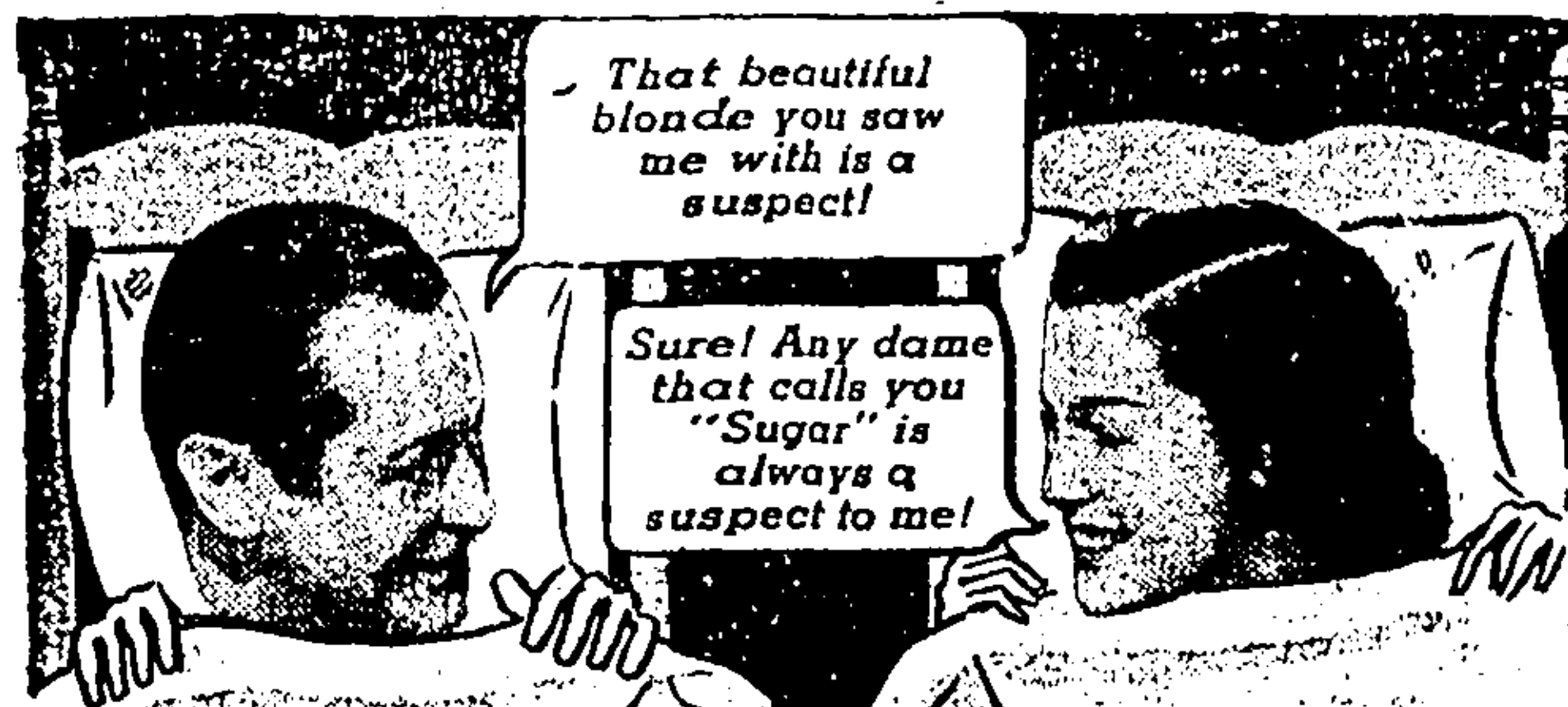
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She did her best to spread disruption in the country and intrigued in many ways but the effort failed. German propaganda is all based on blackmail and brute force and those evil qualities do not win many friends among a free people."

Mr. Watersen read a message from General Smuts: "Please convey to the National Defence Committee in London South Africa's pride in the heroic stand of the men and women of Britain, who are adding another glorious page to history."

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Lord Nathan said a reply would be sent to General Smuts saying how proud they were to receive such a message from one who was not merely the leader of a great dominion but was one of the leading statesmen of our time.

General Smuts would also be told that day by day they with pride heard of the dauntless deeds of the brave airmen and troops of South Africa fighting far from their homes for a cause common to us with determination and confidence that that fight would succeed.—British Wireless.

ANTI-CHOLERA MEASURE

Pointing out that the Health Authorities desired to stop the unlicensed sale of cooked food, which might be one of the sources of cholera, Sanitary Inspector Old prosecuted two women and a man for selling cooked food without a licence in Bulkeley Street, Hung-hom, yesterday.

Inspector Old revealed that a very bad cholera case occurred yesterday in Hung-hom and the patient died on the way to hospital.

The accused were fined \$5 each, while the third was fined \$2.

NITRIC ACID FOUND ON SHIP

An application for confiscation of unmanifested cargo, consisting of nitric acid, found on board a ship in Harbour on Sunday, was granted by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

MORE BLACK-OUT OFFENDERS

Some 30 Chinese residents in Yaumati and Shamshulpo were fined by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for breach of Lighting Regulations during the last Black-out.

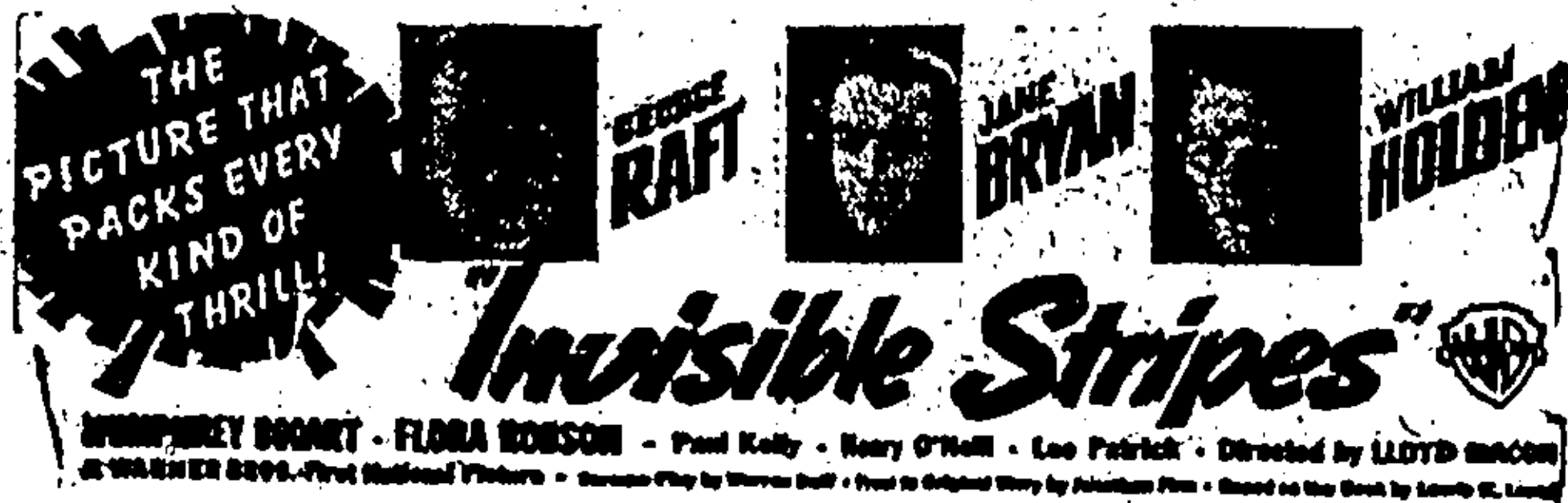
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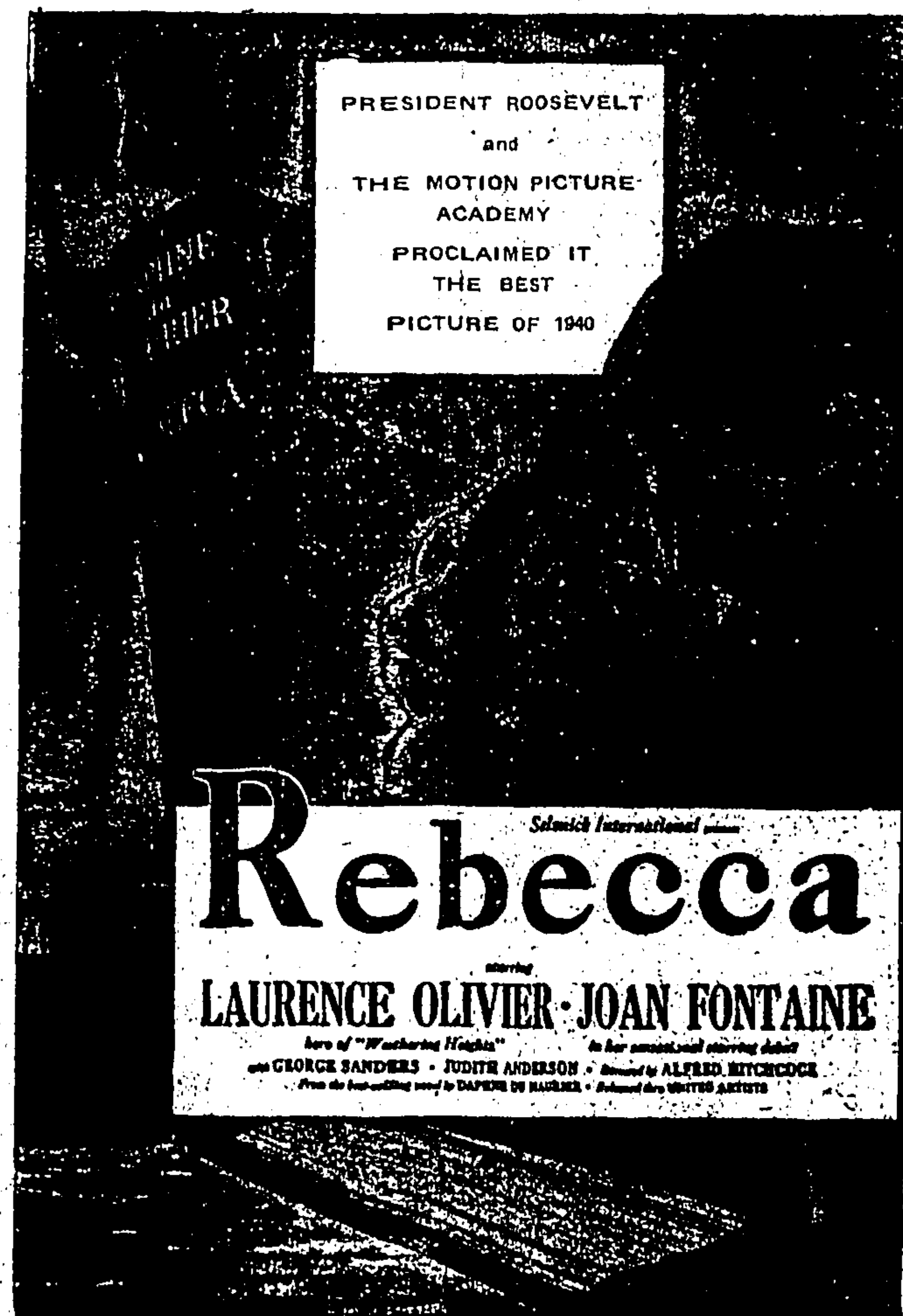
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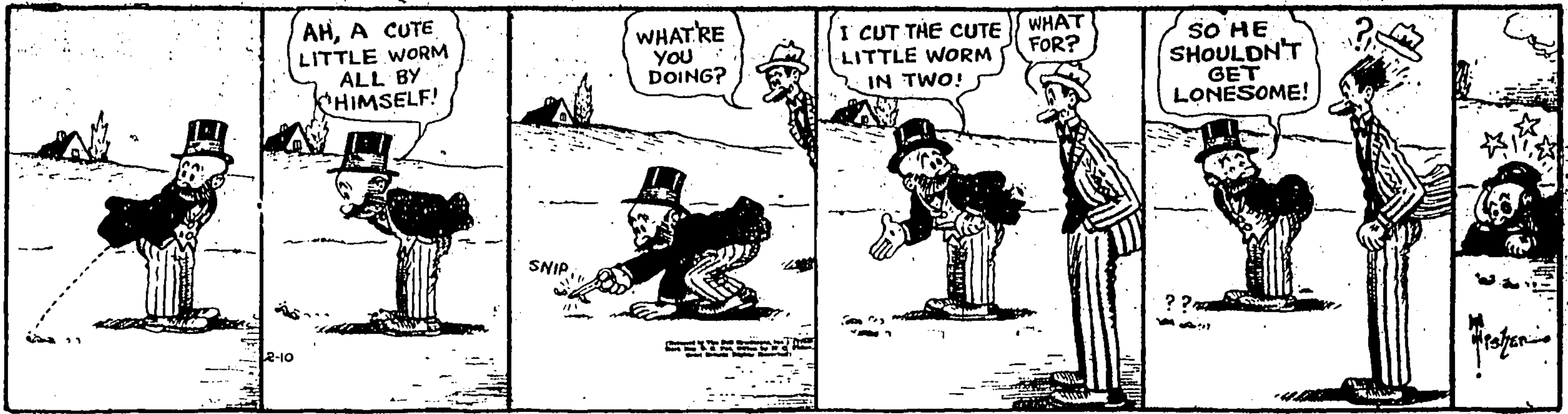
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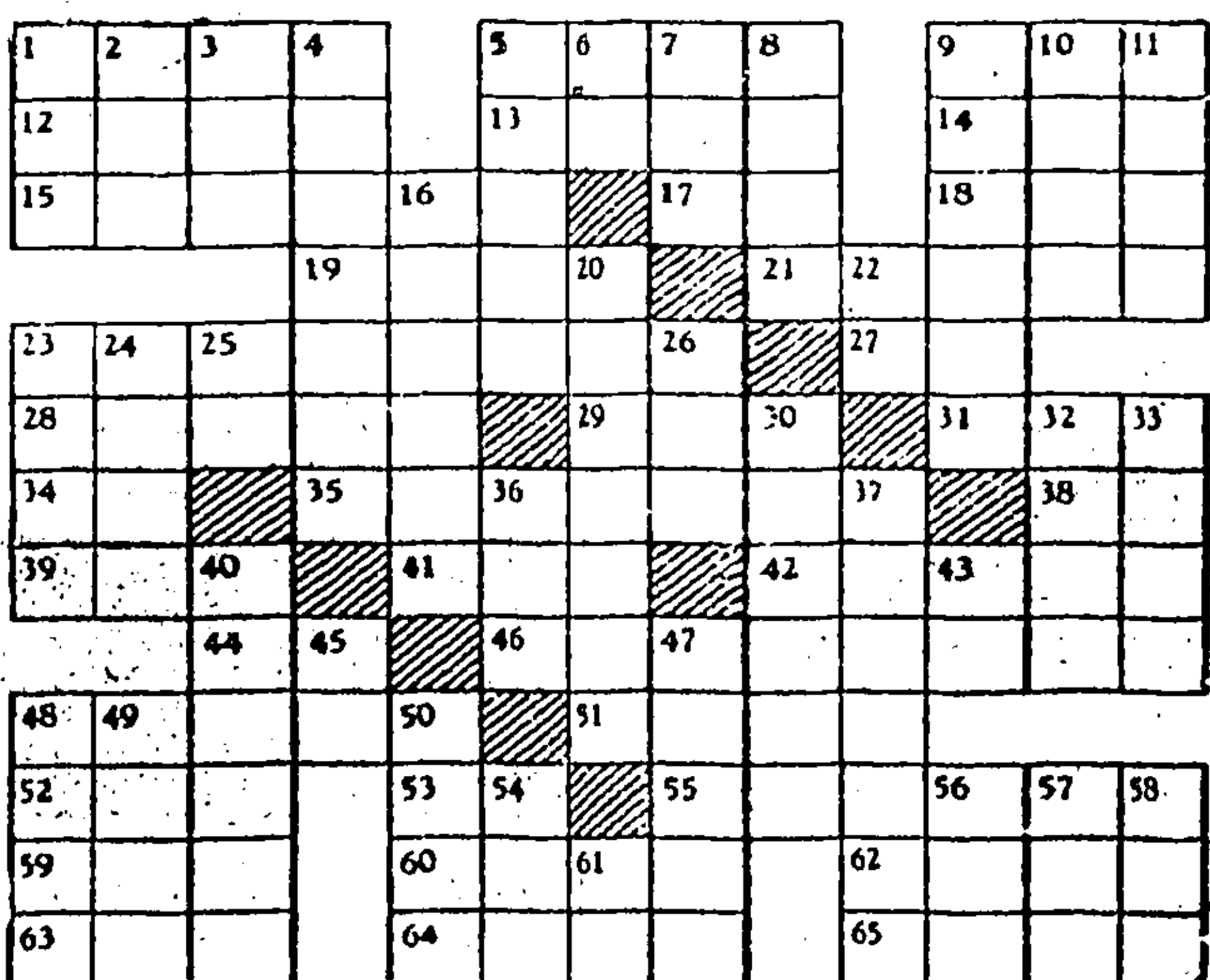
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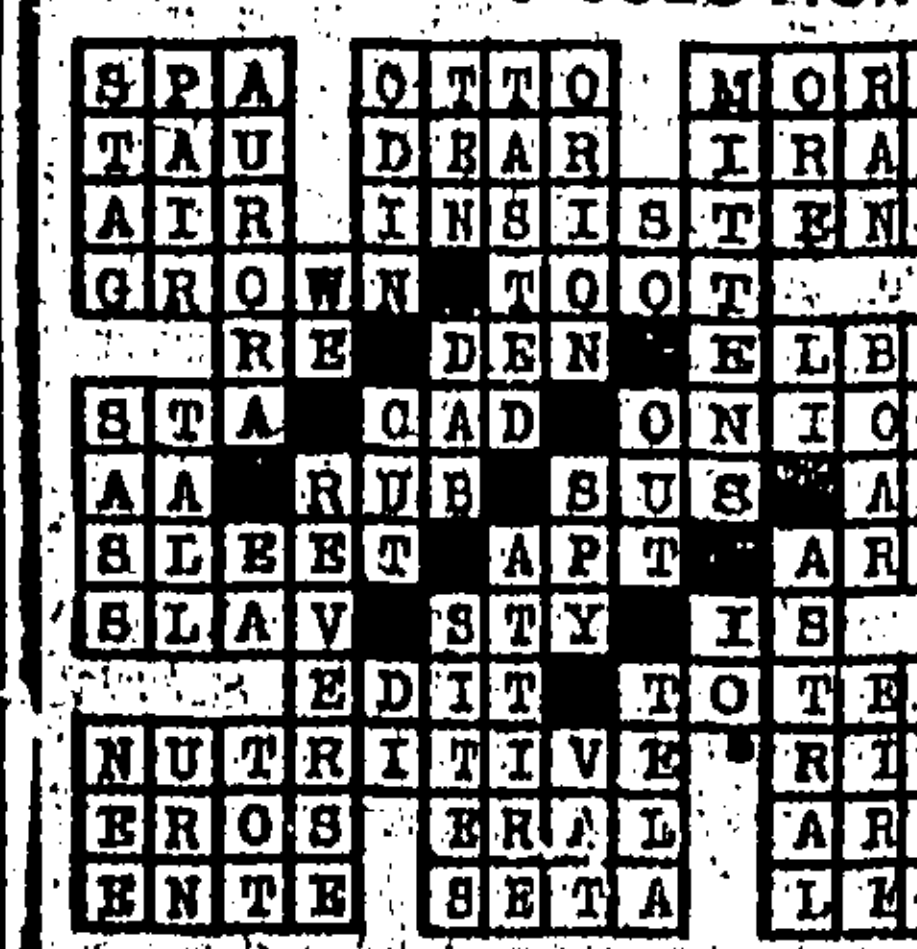
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Tinge
- 3 Handle
- 5 To yield
- 12 Wing-like
- 13 Ancient European territory
- 14 Part of "to be"
- 15 South American luminant
- 17 Spanish article
- 18 Inlet
- 19 Colloquial: mother
- 21 City in Belgium
- 23 To include
- 27 Hawaiian bird
- 28 Roman magistrate
- 29 Cebine monkey
- 31 Lump
- 34 Japanese measure
- 35 Prime character
- 38 Note of scale
- 39 Conclusion
- 41 Heavenly body
- 42 Trilium
- 44 Printer's measure
- 46 Surprises
- 48 Hindu soldier
- 51 Asperion
- 52 Constellation

VERTICAL

- 1 Chinese pagoda
- 2 Sick
- 3 Short sleep
- 4 To tread heavily
- 5 Golden-breasted trumpeter
- 6 Symbol for sodium

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



61 King of Babylon

20 YEARS WAR IF NECESSARY

Britain would fight for 20 years if necessary, declared Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, at a press conference in New York yesterday.

He gave it as his "deliberate conviction" that a combination of military, naval and air power and the blockade would give Britain the victory over the Nazis and their Axis partner.

The duration of the war would depend on the speed of American help.

Referring to the post-war world Lord Halifax said Britain did not want a vindictive peace but she was going to see that steps were taken to ensure that the world should not see a repetition of the present situation at the hands of Germany.—Reuter.

RIBBENTROP GREETED MR. MATSUOKA

Ribbentrop and many other Nazi leaders and diplomats, including Yugoslavia's representative, were at the station to welcome Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, yesterday.

The station was specially decorated and a military guard of honour was mounted. Ribbentrop later drove with Mr. Matsuoka through decorated streets to the Bellevue Palace, which will be Mr. Matsuoka's headquarters during his stay in Berlin.—Reuter.

TRANSPORT MOVING AGAIN

Tramway and bus services in the French Concession, Shanghai, resumed operation yesterday. Negotiations between representatives of the companies and the workers are still proceeding.—Our Own Correspondent.

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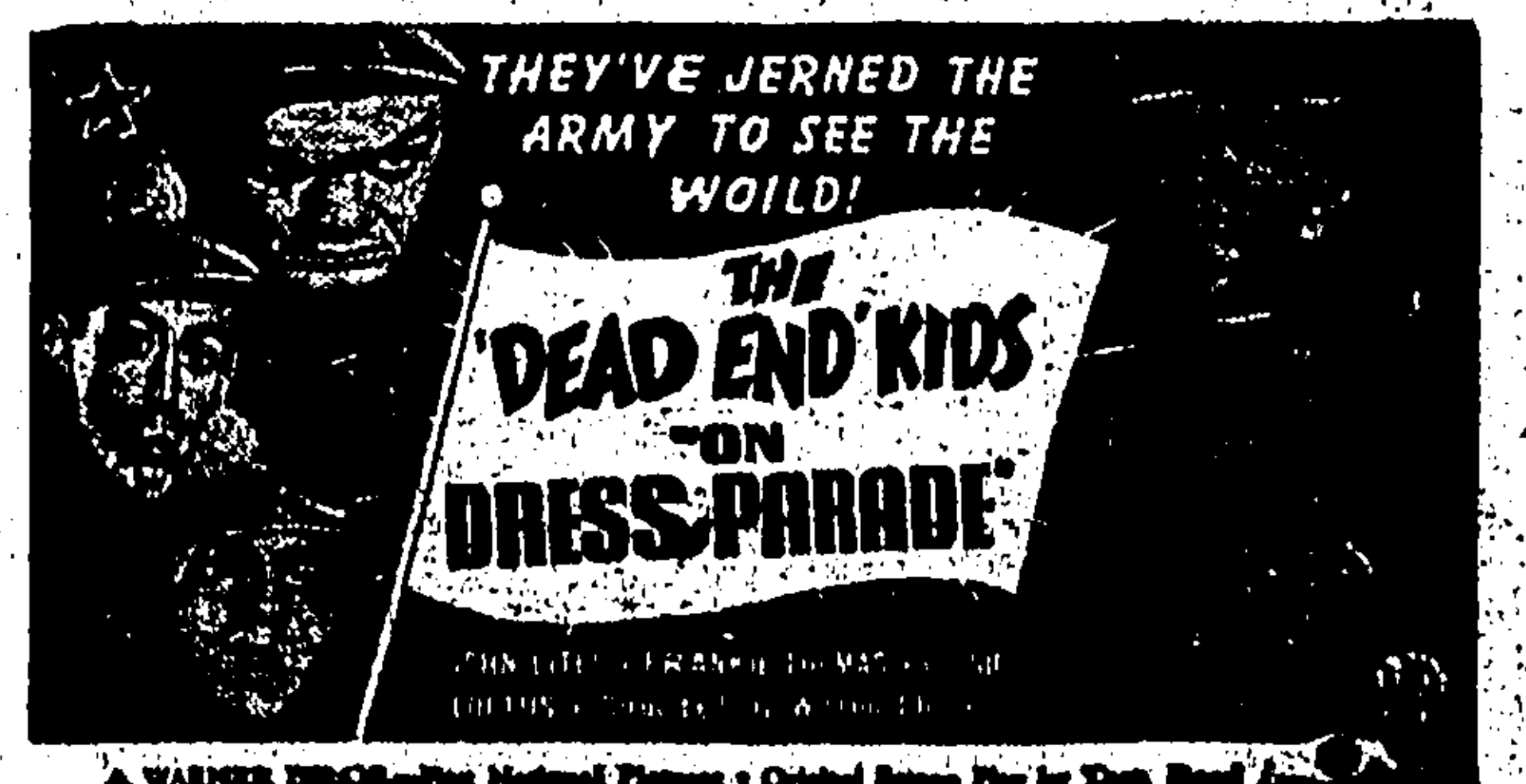
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PRESIDENT LINER INCIDENT RAISED AT INQUIRY SESSION

A SERIES OF WITNESSES, CHINESE AND FOREIGN, GAVE EVIDENCE THIS MORNING AT THE RESUMED SITTING OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE.

It was revealed that Mr. W. J. Keswick, chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, was among those who registered complaints against the Department.

On resumption of the Immigration Inquiry this morning Mr. J. D. McClatchie, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, confirmed Mr. Kobza's statement yesterday that when Mr. Kobza submitted an application to open a banking account in the name of "General Agent, Immigration Office," he advised him to style it "Kobza Art Studio No. 2 Account."

Mr. E. A. von Kobza-Nagy told the Commission afterwards, with reference to the statement yesterday that he was not prepared to put up a cash security for the General Agent, he was now prepared to do so and tendered a cheque for \$3,000.

Mr. Kobza, in reply to the Chairman, said he was not permitted to disclose the person whom he had approached.

Questioned by Mr. Forrest, Mr. Kobza said he remembered an occasion when a dinner party was given by the agencies. He saw an invitation, but he was not invited.

Later, he heard rumours of what had been said at that dinner party. Some of the remarks were injurious to him and the General Agent. He informed Mr. Forrest and consequently the head of a certain agency was requested to supply a report on what had passed at the party.

The report was produced and in it was mentioned the head of a certain agency, alleged ringleader of an apparently ferocious attack on the General Agent.

At that time, added Mr. Kobza, this certain agent was not on the list of recognised agents, as evidence had been obtained of forged signatures attached to some 40 Deposit Receipts.

Major Manners Called

Major C. M. Manners, Secretary and Manager of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, stated that one of his duties was to visit certain ships.

He visited the s.s. President Monroe on February 9 and in consequence of what he saw and felt, he made a report to his head, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, the following day.

The report, in part, stated: "On arrival of the President Monroe, at the wharf, I went on board. Assistant Immigration Officer Burlin was on board and soon after Mr. Forrest arrived, apparently in an unpleasant humour."

Major Manners added in the report that while he was standing there the company's shore captain, Mr. Thomas, shouted to his No. 1, to instruct the stevedores to come on board and to see that they produce their identification cards.

Comments Passed

Shortly after the stevedores started work, Mr. Forrest came up and asked his subordinate "What are these people doing?" The official addressed replied that they were stevedores, to which Mr. Forrest replied "You go down and if anyone has no proper pass, chuck him overboard." The attitude of Mr. Forrest gave Major Manners the impression that he was "mentally unbalanced," and several other officers on the ship passed comments on his manner. The report concluded that it was made so to prevent similar incidents and to improve matters.

Mr. Forrest to Major Manners: "This is not the first time there has been official unpleasantness between you and me?" "No."

"The last occasion was during the evacuation?"—"Yes."

"The previous charges were to the effect that I had instructed the officer in charge of accommodation space to evacuate people who were not Europeans?"—"Not quite."

Two Letters

Major Manners then produced two letters—one to Mr. Davis, Director of Evacuation, and one to the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson—relating to the evacuation incident, and remarked that the original letter from Mr. Forrest to the evacuation officer at the Peninsula Hotel was in his (Major Manners') possession.

Major Manners stated that his letter merely queried why "certain things had been done and why certain things had not been done."

Mr. Forrest pointed out that he was not commenting on the merits of the report but only wished to "recall that we have for a time been on bad terms."

In reply to the Chairman, who asked whether criticisms which witness felt it his honest duty to make, constituted "bad terms," Mr. Forrest replied: "On my side, yes."

"Impression"

Mr. Forrest to Major Manners: "In the letter of February 10, the only incident of rudeness and discourtesy you saw yourself was the instruction I gave my subordinate. What right had you to remark that when I came on board I was in an unpleasant humour?"—"That was my impression."

"From what?"—"From what I saw."

"My face?"—"Yes, you appeared to be a little unwell and very disturbed."

In reply to Mr. Forrest, Major Manners said he would accept that Mr. Forrest was hard worked and that it had been reported to him that something had gone wrong. "I went on board to find out what was wrong and to put it right."

Excited Women

Major Manners admitted he was not aware that two women—a Frenchwoman and a Greek—became very excited when they were informed that they would not be allowed to land.

"I did not see them," replied Major Manners to Mr. Forrest. He added he would accept Mr. Forrest's statement that a subordinate had reported that a "large number of people were coming on board."

Mr. Forrest, it was my duty to ascertain whether these persons had any right to be on board the ship. Did you take my words "chuck him overboard literally?"—"No, simply that they were to be ordered to leave the ship, but it seemed to me that the method of the order might create trouble."

Major Manners said he asked Mr. Thomas whether the stevedores had obtained permission to board the ship and the reply was in the affirmative. Mr. Forrest was not present when this reply was given, and Major Manners had no reason to believe that Mr. Forrest knew of it. He accepted that an Immigration Officer would have to keep off unauthorised persons, and had no reason to think that the words used by Mr. Forrest would be literally carried out.

"Terrific Rage"

In reply to Mr. Forrest, Major Manners said that Mr. Forrest was "in a terrific rage and this made your men and those round rather nervous, not knowing what had

happened inside."

Mr. Forrest declared that, for the last few minutes, he had been racking his brain to find an impartial witness and asked whether, if he called Mr. Clague, of the Passenger Department of the American President Line, to give evidence to the contrary, would Major Manners lose confidence in his diagnosis that Mr. Forrest was in a terrific rage.

Major Manners replied that he would not.

Woman's Complaint

The next witness was Mrs. Campbell, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, who referred to a letter she wrote to the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.

According to the letter, Mrs. Campbell early in December had occasion to make an enquiry at the Immigration Office regarding a permit for her houseboy, who was about to leave the Colony. She telephoned and was put on to a Chinese member of the staff who apparently did not understand a word of English. She then asked for the No. 1.

The next thing she heard over the telephone was "Hello, darling, is that you darling?" and other endearing remarks. Following this, she obtained a chance to put in a word enquiring about the necessary permit.

To this enquiry, she received a reply: "There is a postal service isn't there?"

"Most Likely"

Mrs. Campbell explained to this person that it would be practically useless to write in since it would take days to obtain the information she required. To this a reply was given, "Most likely. My desk is full of correspondence."

The person continued: "I do not like to be rung up. I am very busy."

Mrs. Campbell then said that judging by the endearing remarks you made "you appear to have a lot of time to waste."

The person then slammed down the receiver.

Vote Ledger

Yuen Tak-lau, next called, said he was formerly in the Import and Export Department and was transferred to the Immigration Office on November 18. He was on the clerical staff and in addition to his work as a typist he had to keep certain books.

He produced a ledger and said it was the vote ledger. An entry recording a vote was made under date of November 19, and this entry was made on November 20.

He produced another book. This was supplied by the Treasury and the entries were made in January. He had transferred previous transactions into this book.

Evidence in Rebuttal

A wooden box was also produced. Witness said that the box was used for keeping permits when they were transferred from one section to another. It had a lock and key. He had seen the box used.

A piece of green paper accompanied the box but he did not know what it was for.

Mr. Forrest said that the vote ledger had been produced, to rebut the evidence of the Accountant-General that no Vote Ledger was kept.

The Chairman reminded Mr. Forrest that he had said there had been no vote, and Mr. Forrest replied that he was not aware of it at that time.

Two Days

Mr. Forrest then cross-examined Mrs. Campbell.

Mr. Forrest: "Have you a bank account?"—"Yes."

Mr. Forrest: "I do not want to know who are your bankers but assuming that you have an account with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank would you ring up Sir Vandeleur Grayburn to make inquiries?"

Mrs. Campbell: "When I asked for the No. 1, I meant the (Continued on Page 11)"

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FRENCH CONVOYS

The passage of convoyed French ships through the Straits of Gibraltar is relatively unimportant. It is when they seek to return that the test will come. Plainly, this is the first tentative implementation of the Darlan statement: "I will let nothing stand in the way of the French people's eating," when he warned that the French fleet would be used to convoy ships past the British blockade.

They were brave words, but, unfortunately for the admiral, they had a hollow ring. As recently as February 12, in Paris, "a reliably informed individual who formerly held an important position in the Vichy government"—Pierre Laval, in all probability—gave the show away to the United Press. He said that Vichy had been warned by Germany that it must use its colonies to the utmost to relieve shortages of food and raw materials—in other words, to break the blockade by force, if necessary. Clearly it is German pressure, and not French hunger—except in so far as that hunger has been purposely aggravated by the Nazi regime—that has inspired Darlan's stand.

This is not to minimise the gravity of the food situation in France. Rations have been cut, and warnings have been sounded with increasing frequency of late that a crisis is at hand. But there can be little doubt in any reasonable mind that this stringency was created in the first place by the Germans, and there is good ground, in view of the statement of the "reliably informed individual" to which we have referred, for believing that the stringency has been deliberately intensified recently to force Vichy into the action which it threatens to take.

That Vichy is anxious to assume the role that Hitler would have it play seems very unlikely. The shattered French fleet would be forced to perform a task that the Germans and Italians have consistently refused—fight the British Navy on the open sea. The measure of Marshal Petain's reluctance to adopt his present stand may perhaps be found in the frequent predictions from Paris in recent weeks that convoys would be employed, and the no less frequent denials from Vichy that such a policy was

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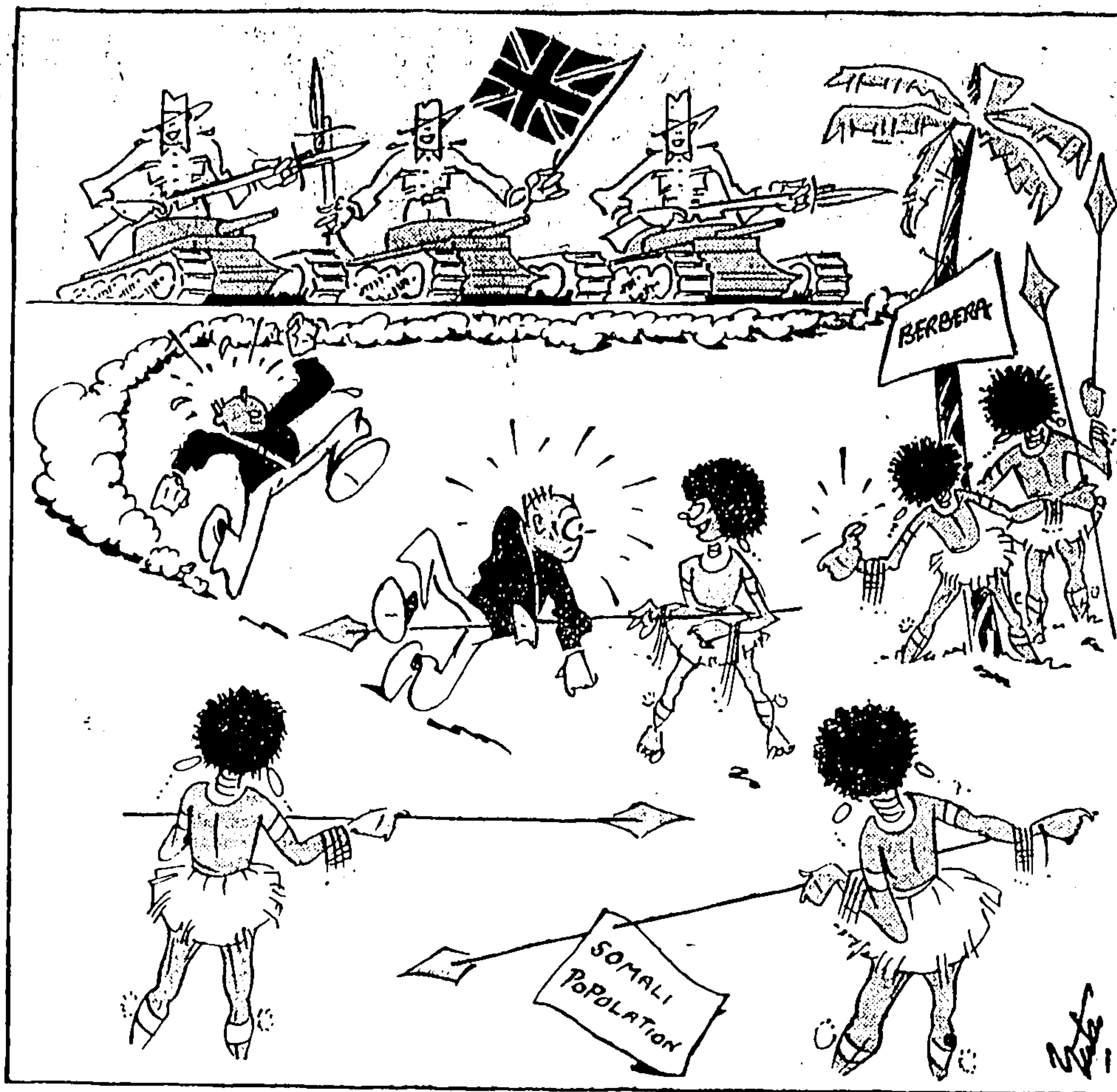
NOT EXACTLY IMPRESSIVE

The Swiss newspaper "Bund" says that Yugoslavia's adherence to the Axis Pact does not so much mean her recognition of the new European order as official recognition of Yugoslavia by states forming part of the new order.

The "National Zeitung" says one can no longer help feeling that the rush to join the Axis Pact is not exactly impressive and is more the result of strategic and geographic situation of the states involved than an expression of honest enthusiasm at incorporation in a hierarchy of states in which small peoples must serve the political and military necessities of the leading great powers.—Reuter.

contemplated. Doubtless Petain, unlike Hitler, sincerely hopes that Darlan's threat may bring about a relaxation in the blockade without requiring a suicidal fight on the part of the French Navy.

The consequences of open war between France and Great Britain, even over the question of the blockade, might prove disastrous for Petain's government. Nevertheless, Hitler has succeeded in extorting from Vichy a statement that implies the use of French ships against the British—on French initiative—thus contradicting repeated assurances that they would never be so used. To this extent Darlan's announcement is a disturbing revelation of a new tendency in the Admiral.



MORAL FOR HITLER

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CALLS FOR MERCY FOR THE ITALIANS

HAILE SELASSIE'S famous proclamation to his people last July, appealing for mercy for the Italians, was published textually in London yesterday for the first time at the request of members of Parliament.

The proclamation promised British arms, "of which you are so much in need," and announced that the British Air Force was destroying enemy fortifications.

It proceeds: "I have notified the Italians in Ethiopia, who are now completely encircled, that they should surrender to save themselves useless destruction.

"Therefore I charge you solemnly to receive kindly and

protect those Italians who may surrender.

Honour And Good Name

"Do not retaliate with the cruelty which was inflicted on our people but show yourselves honourable and humane soldiers. Do not forget that when the valiant Ethiopians made Italians captive at battle they handed them to their Emperor without doing them any harm, thus earning for Ethiopia honour and a good name."

When the proclamation was circulated in the Commons, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Labour) suggested Government should publicly express appreciation of the "generous and statesmanlike policy followed by our ally, the Emperor of Ethiopia, despite the many cruelties of the Italians against his subjects."

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, agreed it was "a valuable document which should be read with all consideration." —Reuter.

QUITE DIFFERENT AIR TACTICS

The Swiss paper "Tagwacht" says the Germans and English seem to adopt quite different aerial tactics.

While England tries to bomb maritime and military bases, Germany tries to undermine the morale of the English population by heedless bombing of towns. Hence the unequal number of victims.—Reuter.

Hitler's 1918

Eight years ago, I watched Hitler, the new Reich Chancellor, receive, hour after hour, the acclamation of his marching Storm Troops from a spotlight window in the Wilhelmstrasse. On January 30, 1941, I heard him, the conqueror of half Europe, speak to the Germans and promise them decisive victory "this year."

We get little news, these days, of what is happening "inside Germany," and Hitler's last wish is that we should know. His speech was drafted to conceal and cur-

By Douglas Reed

tain everything we should like to know about the German mind—and yet, between the lines, it tells all!

For both he and his Propaganda Minister, Goebbels emphatically declared that there would never be "another 1918" in Germany. Qui s'excuse, s'accuse. These two sentences betray the vital truth, that our best ally, the memory of 1918, is busy in Germany.

In 1918, after 3½ years of uninterrupted victories, the Germans suddenly found themselves defeated. No German has ever forgotten that those who are too young to remember have been told by their parents. The very words "Nineteen-Eighteen" are a language, a menace, a verdict and a grim warning to every German. With every day that passes and does not bring Victory (as distinct from victories) the thought of "1918" looms larger in the German mind, like a black thundercloud on the horizon.

Thus these two sentences, designed to banish fear and reassure, show what is happening "inside Germany" and in the German mind.

Hitler to-day, like all his people, must hear the words "Nineteen-Eighteen" in his nightmares. He has won even greater victories than Ludendorff had won by 1918—but he still has not gained Victory. He knows what his people are thinking and waiting for, the doubt that festers at the back of their minds.

That is why the other revealing passages in his speech are those in which he promised them "decisive blows" this year and swore that the German fighting forces would "compel a decision by hook or by crook" this year.

The blows will fall. He must strike, anyway: it is his last hope. He indicated what the blows will be—savage submarine and aerial warfare, possibly an invasion.

In those few sentences the whole truth about "inside Germany" was disclosed. Hitler knows that 1941 is his 1918, unless he can gain complete Victory. He cannot rise again, on January 30, 1942, and again swear that there will never be "another 1918" in Germany, that 1942 will bring "decisive victory." By that time the thought and fear of "1918" will be too heavy in the hearts of the Germans.

He must win, by October, or disappear very soon afterwards. And he cannot win.

POLICING OF THE BADLANDS

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, made a statement in the House of Commons yesterday regarding the working of the agreement for policing the "badlands" outside the International Settlement at Shanghai.

Mr. Butler, who was replying to Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Cons.) said that after lengthy negotiations, extending over several months, an agreement was signed on February 1 and came into force on March 15.

Mr. Butler continued: "While conditions in that area have continued to be unsatisfactory in recent months it is yet too early to judge what result the new agreement will have." —Reuter.



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R.A.F. BACKING UP SIEGE OF KEREN

MANY RAIDS ON enemy positions in support of the successful military operations in Eritrea and Abyssinia were carried out by R.A.F. aircraft on Tuesday, states an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo.

Keren was again persistently attacked and several tons of bombs were dropped during the day.

GERMAN TANKER SUNK

The British submarine Sturgeon (Lt.-Comdr. St. Clair Ford) has sunk an 8,000-ton German tanker off the Norwegian coast.

Announcing this yesterday, the Admiralty in London says the submarine fired at the tanker during mist and rain.

An explosion followed and when the mist cleared 20 minutes later only part of the tanker could be seen above water. — Reuter.

"BURY ME UNDER A TREE," PILOT ASKS

Pilot Offr. P. K. Bone, Barton-on-Sea, Hants, who died on war service in France in May, stated in his will dated the same month: "If I die in friendly territory I should like to be buried, not in a cemetery, but under a tree in the country in a position on a hill overlooking a pretty view. I realise that this will present some difficulties, but would much like it to be carried out if possible. The amount of the estate was £1,035."

The railway between Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa was heavily and successfully bombed and trains, railway stations and bridges damaged. Motor transport on the road was also bombed and machine-gunned.

Free French aircraft raided an enemy encampment 20 miles north of Gondar. Bombs fell amongst buildings and transport.

R.A.F. bombers raided Tripoli on the night of Monday, causing fires followed by explosions amongst Government buildings and in the harbour.

Dodecanese Raids

Aerodromes at Scarpanto and Calato and shipping at Astropalia Island, in the Dodecanese, were bombed and machine-gunned on Tuesday.

A number of German aircraft on the ground at Scarpanto were severely damaged.

At Astropalia, a merchantship received a direct hit and was machine-gunned and other damage was caused at Calato.

From all these operations our aircraft returned safely. — Reuter.

ITALIANS CONFER WITH JAPANESE

The Italian Ambassador in Tokyo had a half hour conversation on the international situation, with particular reference to Japan-Italian relations, with the Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ohashi, yesterday afternoon, says Reuter.

Bombing By Odd Raiders

Enemy aircraft, operating singly over the southern half of England yesterday, dropped bombs which did little damage.

Several houses in the West of England were destroyed, however, and industrial buildings in two Southern towns damaged.

Casualties were nowhere large though some were killed, according to the Air Ministry communique.

TWO RAIDERS WERE DESTROYED. — REUTER.

EL AGHEILA MOVE CAUSES NO ANXIETIES

LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE is attached in London military circles to the announcement in yesterday's Cairo communique that a small enemy detachment had occupied El Agheila — one of the farthest outposts of the British defence in Libya, some 180 miles from Benghazi.

MEAT RATION REDUCED

THE MINISTRY OF FOOD ANNOUNCES THAT THE MEAT RATION WILL BE REDUCED FROM 1/2D TO 1/- FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MARCH 31.

The child's ration has been reduced from 7d to 6d.

Since January 8, when the Ministry stated that for the future the meat ration would vary between 1/6d and 1/- the ration has been kept unaltered at 1/2d. The reduction now to be made is due to a decline in the numbers of home-produced fat stocks coming forward for slaughter. — British Wireless.

WOMAN IN BLACK MYSTERY

Government departments, her family and friends have searched in vain for The Woman in Black — Mrs. Caroline Maude Mann, aged fifty-seven, of Alberta House, Blackwall Way, Poplar, London, E.—who has not been heard of at her home since she was evacuated by motor coach.

Every Government department that had a hand in the evacuation has tried to find her. So have the Salvation Army and London

Certainly there is no cause for apprehension. El Agheila is but a small village and before the war had a population of only about 1,000 of whom ten were Italians.

There is, however, a landing ground for aircraft and a small wireless station.

We had only a small patrol reaching out to El Agheila and this had been withdrawn before the small enemy force took possession.

The Germans have claimed that the place was occupied by the "German African Corps" but so far information reaching London would suggest that this "corps" is nothing more than an armoured vehicle or two which are acting as a sort of advance post.

Mainly Italians

The small enemy motorised detachment which occupied the post of El Agheila unopposed after the withdrawal of the British troops consisted mainly of Italian motor transport, though possibly a number of Germans participated, according to the military spokesman at headquarters in Cairo yesterday.

He added there has been a fair amount of patrol activity along the Tripolitania-Cyrenaica border for some time past and the British Command decided that in respect of the proper defence of Cyrenaica, El Agheila was "rather exposed to being cut off." — Reuter.

County Council. What makes it difficult to trace Mrs. Mann is the fact that she lost her identity card and may not have a new one. When she left home she was dressed in black and was wearing an identity disc on a necklet.

AIR BATTLES OVER GERMAN CITIES

WHILE THE increasing number of Nazi bombers falling victim to night fighters attracts attention, the destruction of Nazi fighters by British bombers is a subject on which the public has not been greatly informed but it is now possible to give some details of these encounters.

Again and again these night fighters are seen when R.A.F. bombers have no time to turn aside from the more urgent task of attacking targets.

Sometimes, and especially on the way home, they have some minutes to spare for a quick encounter.

When an enemy night fighter has disappeared in the dark it is not always possible to say it has been destroyed.

British crews may feel certain that the enemy was so badly damaged that it cannot reach its base. It must soon crash, but unless there is some more obvious sign of disaster the enemy is only claimed as a "probable."

The record of this month's encounters with German night fighters contained several such probabilities as well as an encouraging number of certainties.

Cologne Clashes

The month began well. On the night of March 1 the enemy put up many night fighters to protect Cologne.

There were a number of inconclusive encounters during which several Messerschmidts gave up the struggle, and the crew of one R.A.F. bomber saw a two-engined fighter burst into flames — the enemy was held by one of his own searchlights — and disappeared below.

On the same night both gunners of another bomber fired long bursts into another enemy aircraft and put it out of action.

On the night of March 10 one British bomber came down low to attack an enemy-occupied aerodrome from which two Junkers 88 bombers were just taking off. The bomber had just shot up one of the Junkers when a Messerschmidt 110 appeared ahead.

Four Each

Both front and rear gunners fired four bursts each at a range of 100 yards. The Messerschmidt climbed steeply to 1,000 feet and then dived and crashed to the ground.

On the same night another bomber was attacked by four enemy fighters. There was a general melee and one enemy was hit while another was seen to climb vertically, stall and crash into the ground.

On the night of March 13 one R.A.F. bomber chased away an enemy fighter and soon afterwards sent two bursts into a Junkers 88 which immediately went into a steep dive and disappeared.

After another encounter, also on the night of March 13, a Messerschmidt 110 broke off the fight and a dull red glow was seen to fall seaward through the mist.

From Stern To Stern

The next night a bomber was immediately under a Junkers 88 and the rear-gunner raked it from stern to stern. Pieces of the Junkers were falling from it the whole time.

In a raid on Bremen on the night of March 17 a Messerschmidt was sent down in flames and the whole crew of a British bomber watched it fall and explode when it hit the ground. Enemy fighters often have to pay dearly if they try to pursue R.A.F. bombers.

On March 21 a Messerschmidt 109 made to follow one bomber near Lorient. He was flying steadily along and the bomber's rear-gunner watched him gradually get close.

He was expecting the enemy

to attack at any moment but hoped to get him within close range. The enemy must also have been hoping to make certain of the bomber for the pursuit went on, the Messerschmidt gaining inch by inch.

Then the rear-gunner struck—he fired one long burst, the Messerschmidt wobbled, wavered in the air and went into a spin. A moment later a red glow shone through thin cloud at the point where the enemy had gone down. —British Wireless.

FOOD BOSS FINED

Harry Clusky, chief sanitary inspector of Leigh Council, Lancs, who without coupons obtained beef for a supper of the local branch of the National Association of Local Government Officers, was fined £10 at Leigh for contravening the Rationing Order.

Horace J. Brett, the council's canteen superintendent, who is a member of a food control committee, chairman of Atherton District Council and a magistrate, was fined £1 for obtaining the meat.

Parties For Churches

He said that he simply received the meat and cooked it for the supper.

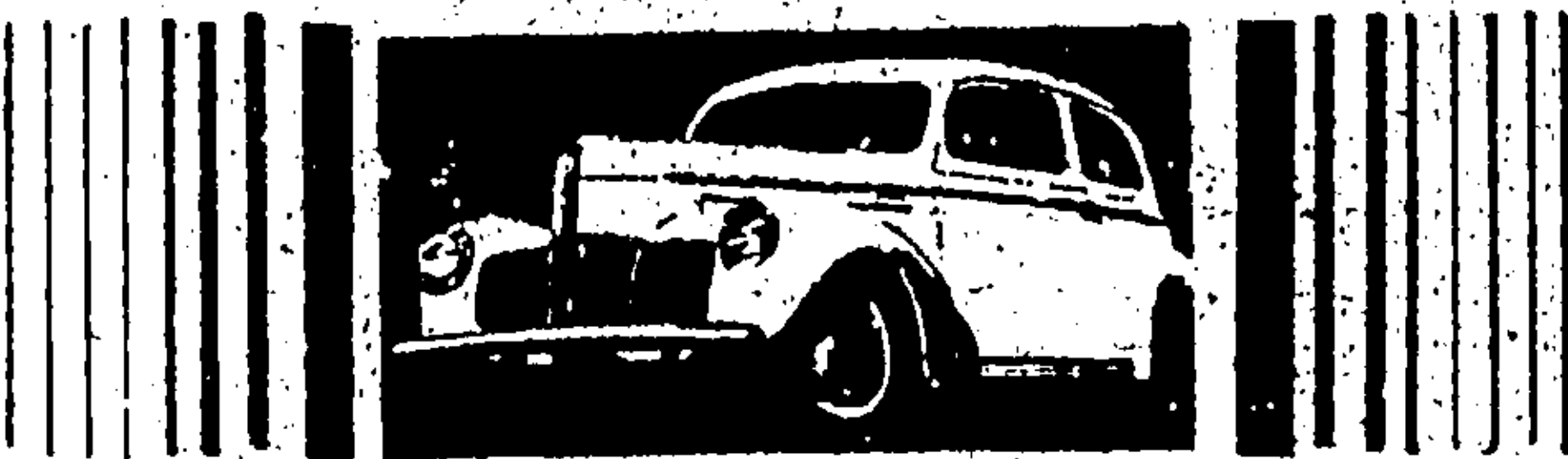
He understood that at the time parties for churches could get meat.

Thomas Waltho, butcher, of St. Helen's Road, Leigh, was fined £5 for supplying the meat.

Mr. T. B. Bamber, Food Executive Officer, said that Waltho had made a statement that Clusky had asked him if he could spare a piece of meat.

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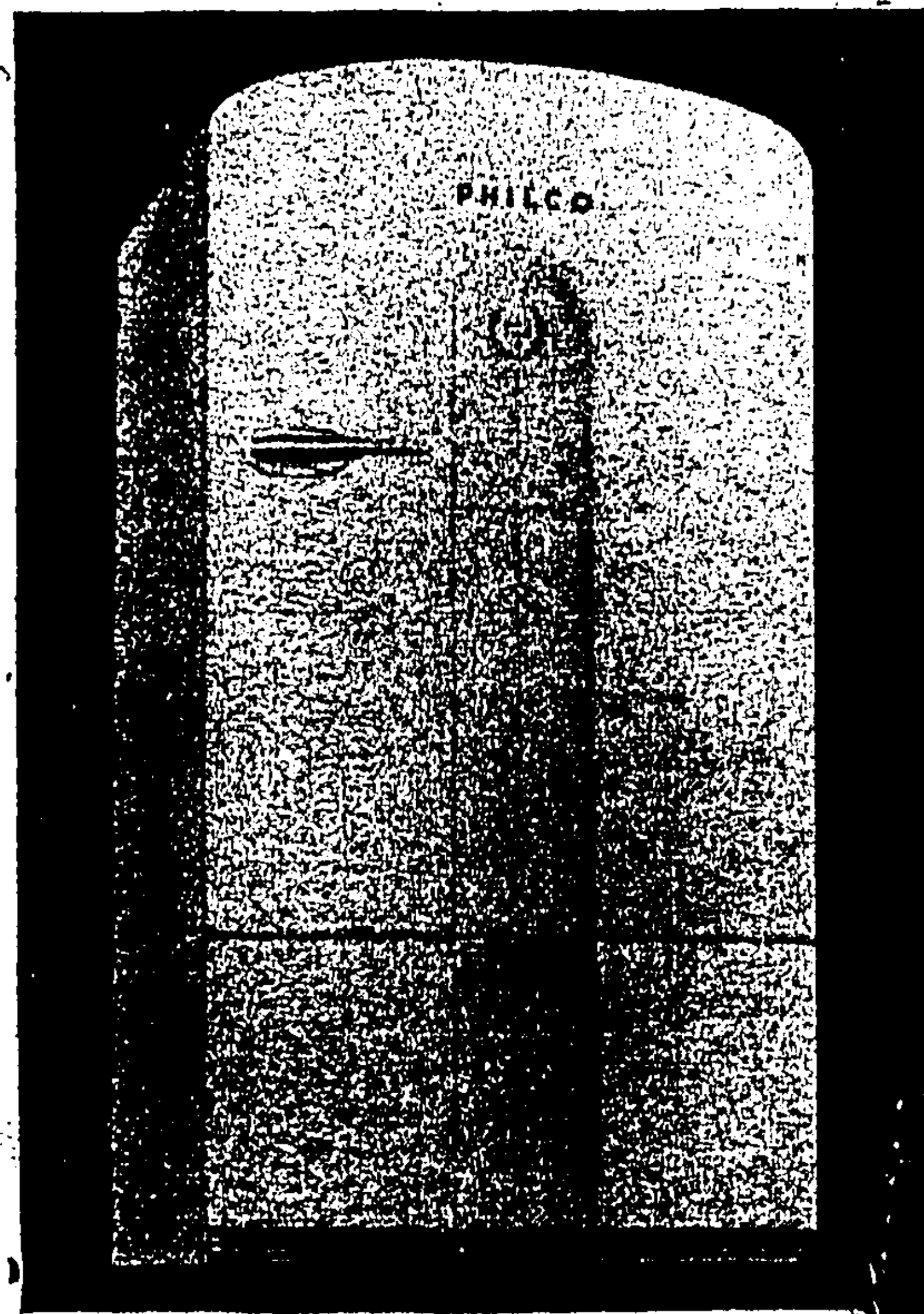
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 14th March to the 28th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1941.

By Order of the Board,

J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director.

14, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong.

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That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:—

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:—

Number of Directors. "95. The Directors of the Company shall not be less than 'six and not more than ten in number."

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By Order of the Board,

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Managing Director.

Hong Kong, 5th March, 1941.

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

Crime Doesn't Pay!

No. 36

By The Four Aces

Expert sleuths will detect two crimes in to-day's hand:

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ K 8	♥ 7 3
♦ A 10 9 6 2	♣ K J 6 8
♠ Q J 8 7 2	♥ 5
♦ K	♣ J 9 8 5
♠ Q J 5 4	♥ 4 3
♦ 8 7	♣ A 10 9 6 2
♠ 6 3	♥ Q 4
♠ A 10 7 6	♥ A K 10 9 4
♦ 2	♣ Q

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the eight of hearts, dummy winning with the Ace. Two round of trumps were followed by the two top spades and a spade ruff.

With a 3-3 spade break, South could have returned to his hand with a trump to discard dummy's club on a long spade; but the 4-2 break barred the waste of any of dummy's trumps. He therefore returned a low heart from dummy, but East put up the heart King and hastily returned a club. Down one!

Two Bridge crimes have been committed in front of your eyes. See if you can detect them before you read on.

South committed both crimes. The first was in bidding six diamonds. North's original pass made it extremely unlikely that he held enough top-card strength to warrant a Slam bid. Furthermore, South had already shown the full strength of his hand in making the "skip-level" rebid of three diamonds.

The second crime consisted in miffing the Slam when West's unfortunate opening lead had given him a chance to make the contract. The Slam could be made only if a spade could be established for the discard of dummy's losing club. Correct play was to cash the spade King at the second trick, then the spade

GANG TRICK FAILS

ATTRACTED BY POLICE WHISTLES IN JORDON ROAD YESTERDAY, DET.-SGT. COCHRANE SAW A CHINESE YOUTH PICK UP A PURSE FROM THE GROUND AND START TO RUN.

The Sergeant caught the youth, recovering the purse.

Before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning, Lau Shiu, 17, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

It was stated that accused, with six others, approached a woman from behind. One of the gang struck her hand and her purse fell to the ground to be picked up by accused.

Ace, followed by a high ruff in the dummy of a third spade. Then a trump would give South entry for another high spade ruff. Dummy's fourth trump would return the lead to South, and the rest would be easy. The vital point was to save the trump leads as entries to the South hand.

* * *

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 8
♥ 10 4
♦ Q 5 2
♣ A 6 3

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	Pass

ANSWER: Bid three spades. You are not quite strong enough to bid game at once, but feel confident of making game unless your partner has a minimum opening bid. You should therefore leave the choice to your partner.

Score 100% for three spades, 60% for four spades, 45% for two no-trump, 0 for pass.

Question No. 675

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ K 10 4
♦ Q 5
♣ K 6 3

The bidding:

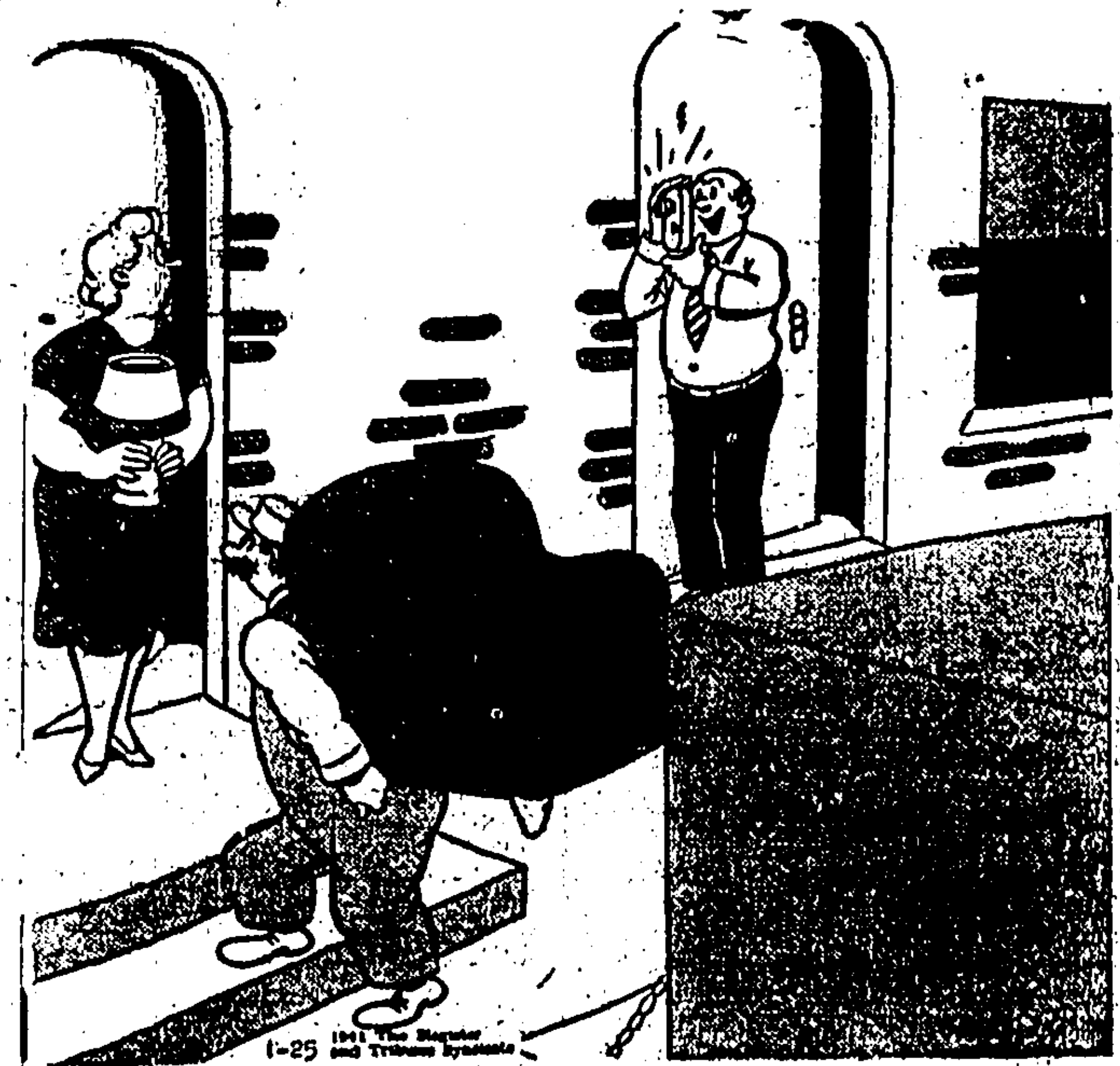
Burnstone	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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By ED REED

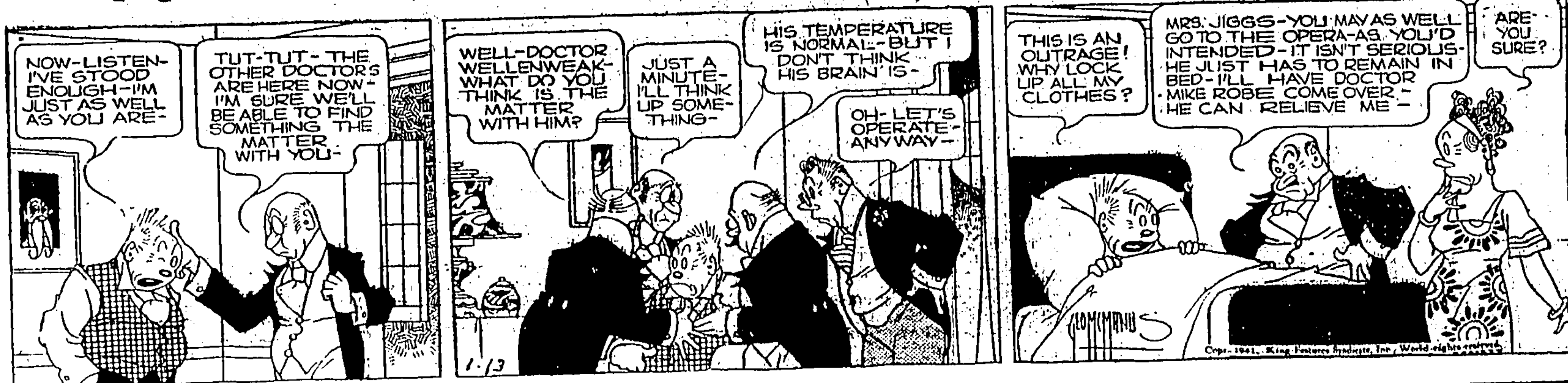


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PRESIDENT LINER INCIDENT RAISED AT INQUIRY SESSION

(Continued from Page 6.)

No. 1 in the enquiry department." Mr. Forrest: "You took it for granted then, that after one month the Department was properly established with a proper inquiry department to answer phones?" Yes.

Mr. Forrest: "Do you happen to know how long your house boy had made his application?" Two days.

Mr. Forrest: "And do you regard two days as sufficient time?"

Mrs. Campbell said that she had no idea how the department worked but knew that her boy had spent a whole day outside the office waiting for the permit.

Mr. Forrest then asked witness whether she had ever seen the queues at the Immigration Office and whether she did not know it was likely to cause delay.

The Chairman remarked that Mr. Forrest was steering away from the real object of the complaint, which was incivility.

Mr. Forrest said he had received many phone calls on individual cases and not in one single instance was there ever a complaint of incivility.

Mr. Keswick's Complaint

The Chairman then produced a letter written by the Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, Mr. Keswick, to Mr. J. J. Paterson, on the unfortunate impression he received on the occasion of his visit to Hong Kong in the "President Monroe" in February, of the conduct of Immigration Officers on board. In his letter, Mr. Keswick stated that Chinese passengers were told in Shanghai that they did not require transit visas on arrival at Hong Kong. However, when these Chinese passengers arrived they were asked for drafts of \$100 with refusals to receive cash instead, and Mr. Keswick himself had to give several personal guarantees as drafts could not be arranged.

Mr. Keswick stated that the behaviour of the passport clerk reflected badly on British prestige before Americans and Chinese who were witnesses.

The Chairman also recalled a number of telegrams exchanged between H. E. the Governor of Hong Kong, the British Ambassador in Shanghai, the Chinese Foreign Office and the Chungking Agent, stressing the necessity of sympathetic treatment to the Chinese.

Mr. Forrest remarked that Mr. Keswick, if he knew his name, did not know his official position which made it doubtful whether Mr. Keswick did not gather his information about him on board.

Many Difficulties

Mr. Walter Hanming Chen, Assistant Immigration Officer, said: "I have been Assistant Immigration Officer since January 2. I did not realise, until I had actually joined the service and taken up duty, the importance of the Immigration Officer's task, but, when I joined him, I immediately found that he was faced with difficulties of many kinds, principal among which were (1) To cope with the pressing work, for I hold the view that enforcement of the Ordinance for Immigration Control was somewhat premature and should have been postponed for an extra month or

two at least after January 14, when it was actually put into operation (The work was especially pressing with the approach of the Chinese New Year); and (2) To preserve order among the dense crowds which were exceptionally noisy.

Totally Inadequate

"The space and furniture allotted to us were totally inadequate and the staff was far too small to enable the Immigration Officer to carry on his gigantic task with efficiency. For weeks we were packed together like sardines. The Commission visited the Immigration Office on March 12, and it was my privilege to show you about. The Commission saw the small space allotted to us before and after the passports and accounts departments and the security deposit refunding section were moved from Marina House to the Central Branch in Queen's Building. In the I.O.'s "private office," 19ft. by 24ft., on many days prior to your visit, as many as 32 persons could be found herded together working. At the same time, the wash room attached to the I.O.'s office, was sometimes used as working space.

The Commission saw what, until March 24, were the permit-writing and permit-signing departments. This space was formerly divided into two rooms, the passports department and the permit-writing department. The space occupied by the latter department until just about three weeks before your visit measured 19ft. by 12ft. 4in. and in it at one time we had as many as 39 people working around two desks and two dining tables. This was less than 6 sq. ft. per person. Even up to March 24, the total space for the permit-writing, permit-signing, issuing and shroffs' departments, accommodating some 60 persons, is but 54½ ft. by 19ft. The danger to the health of the staff was, to say the least, serious for it was quite impossible to work and at the same time to keep the surging crowds orderly so that some reasonable system of dealing with applicants could be carried out. The conditions under which we worked, create dissatisfaction and call for condemnation.

Nerve-Wracking

"Conditions up to even a few weeks ago bordered on chaos but such big crowds and such a demand for permits and residence certificates were never contemplated. The noise was at times deafening and nerve-wracking. Conditions were indescribable and almost unbearable.

"I estimate that the space allotted to the general public was sufficient for about 60 persons only, but on occasions we had, I am sure, at least three times that number, with scores and scores of others pressing in from the street and with many others standing in a queue on both sides of the door. The crowds were so dense, that the iron grille was pushed down and the lock of the front door broken. The few policemen who were posted to duty outside were not enough to cope with them and the Emergency Unit had to be called out on a number of occasions by the Immigration Officer. People forced their way behind the counter and, often, into the Immigration Officer's private office. They took up space set aside for the staff and they blocked the passage way. This state of affairs con-

tinued until we decided to allow a limited number at a time behind the counter to obtain their permits or their deposit refunds, after which they left by the back door. We had far too little furniture. We had to rent some and we had to borrow some. For days we used two or three wicker stools which we borrowed from the photographer. For days, it was impossible for some of the staff to work and for well over three weeks I myself did not have a chair because not enough desks or chairs were provided. During the days of temporary furniture, when working pressure was at its height, we were provided with eight black dining room tables, but even these were better than nothing.

Ration Issues

"We did not have enough stationery or foolscap books and considerable delays in the issue of permits were occasioned when we were not supplied with the necessary permit forms and residence certificates. On several occasions we almost ran out of stock and, as a result, we had to ration our issue. I know the Immigration Officer made repeated requests for fresh supplies and it was some days before he received them. With reference to the question of shroffs, I am certain that, had we a couple of extra shroffs, the work of the Immigration Office would have been accelerated considerably.

"We ran out of security deposit receipt books just before the Chinese New Year and, although we made frantic appeals for new supplies, none were forthcoming. The situation became so serious indeed that, on the eve of Chinese New Year's Day, the Immigration Officer sent me out to try and get some non-Government printers to print some. I went from printer to printer but none would agree to undertake the job because their staffs were off for the Chinese New Year. I asked the Editor of the 'South China Morning Post' for aid but his reply was virtually the same. Finally the Central News Agency manager very kindly agreed to print on his mimeograph five hundred receipt forms. These were delivered after the Immigration Officer had written an official letter to the Central News Agency appealing to them for their co-operation.

Receipt Books

"Speaking of security deposit receipt books, I may mention that, on March 11, A.I.O. Taylor applied for some new blue ones because the yellow ones had been returned owing to the fact that their numbering was similar to the blue ones. Up to March 25, no new supplies had been provided though urgently needed.

"On Chinese New Year's Day and on several subsequent Sundays, it was found that we had not been provided with sufficient funds to meet deposit refund payments. Scores and scores of people came and demanded refunds, and in desperation, the Immigration Officer finally signed official cheques but we had the greatest difficulty in getting them cashed on account of the holidays. The General Agent assisted us on one occasion. On the other occasions, I managed to persuade the money-changer to advance us the money on the understanding that he could collect cash on the following morning. (Continued on Page 13)

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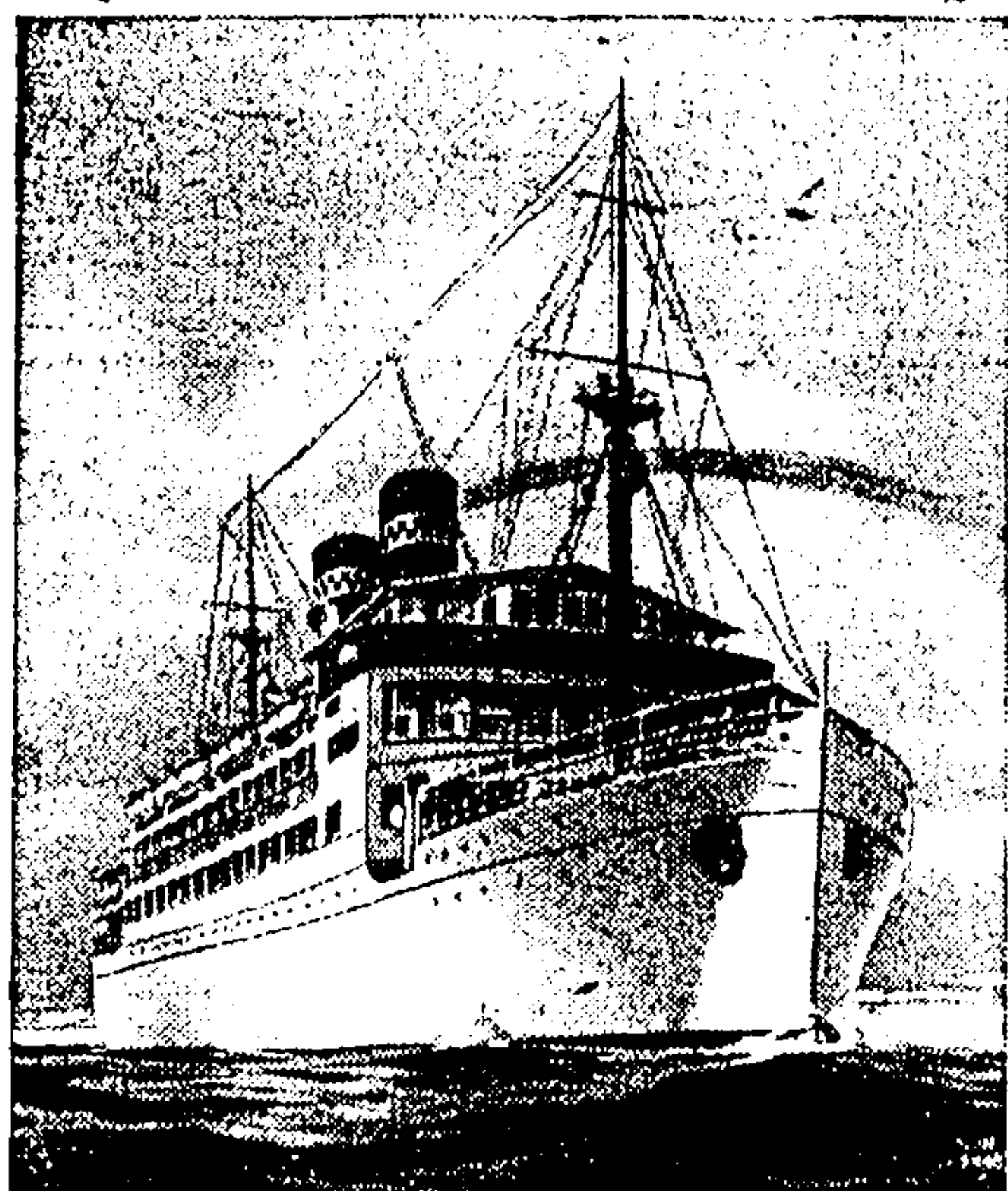
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Canton	Mar. 29.
Rangoon	Mar. 30.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 1st March)	Mar. 30.
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Sandakan	Apr. 5.
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Reg.	5.00 p.m.
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1.01 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) and Terence Casey (Organ).
1.16 p.m.—Billy Mayerl—Aquarium Suite. Willow Moss—Moorish Idol—Fantail—Whirligig... Billy Mayerl (Piano) & His Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Selections from Puccini's Operas.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Boston Promenade Orchestra and Webster Booth (Tenor).
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Meet Uncle Sam.
7.30 p.m.—Compositions of Friml.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—Some Welsh Songs.
Two Old Welsh Songs: Adieu to dear Cambria; Menta Gwen... Evan Williams (Tenor) with Orchestra.
The Little Thatched Cottage (arr. Osborne Roberts); David of the White Rock (arr. Osborne Roberts) ... Lella Megane (Contralto) with Piano.
8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.
8.30 p.m.—A Chopin Programme.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
9.30 p.m.—Magyarí Imri & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.
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mar Pal (Vocal) acc. by Magyarí Imri & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra. La Paloma (Yradler) ... Magyarí Imri & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.
9.45 p.m.—Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor) and Evelyn Laye (Soprano). Let The People Sing (from C. B. Cochran's 'Light Up') ... Evelyn Laye (Soprano) with Orchestra and Chorus. Love Never Comes Too Late: Nobody Could Love You More (both from 'Paganini') ... Richard Tauber (Tenor) and Evelyn Laye (Soprano) with Orchestra. Solitude (Ellington & Others); When Day Is Done (de Sylva-Katscher) ... Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orch.
9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—To Talk of Many Things.
10.15 p.m.—Variety and Dance Music. Fox-Trot—Prairie Boy ... Roy Smeck & His Hawaiian Serenaders. Vocal—Old Father Thames (O'Hagan) ... Gracie Fields with Orchestra. Fox-Trot—The Gaucho Serenade ... Roy Smeck & His Hawaiian Serenaders. Slow Fox-Trot—It's Funny To Everyone But Me ... Harry Roy & His Orchestra. Vocal—Je Ne T'Aime Plus (Lenoir-Florell) ... Leo Marjane & Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Playmates ... Harry Roy & His Orchestra. Vocal—Vonsolr Mon Ange (film 'Radio City Reveals') ... Leo Marjane with Orchestra. Tangos—Que Se Lo Que Tiene La Bahiana? ... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro. Vocal—Say That You Will Not Forget (film 'Forget me not') ... Joan Cross with Orchestra. Fox-Trots—The Moon and the Willow Tree (film 'The Road to Singapore'); Apple Blossoms and Chapel Bells ... Everett Hoagland & His Orchestra. Vocal—I Never Realised ... Bing Crosby with Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Out of the Blue Waltz—Memories Live Longer than Dreams ... Jack Payne & His Band.
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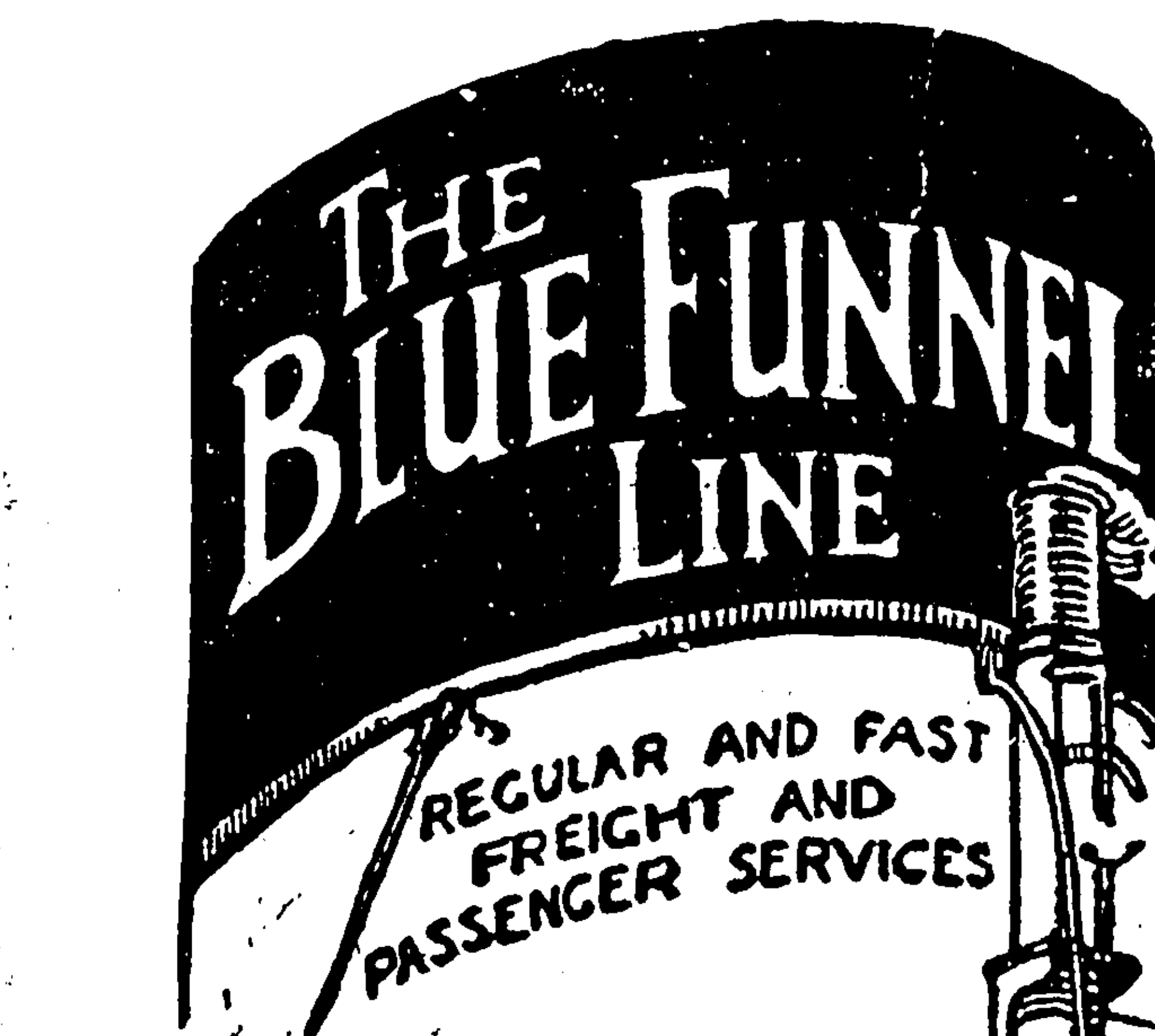
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PRESIDENT LINER INCIDENT RAISED AT INQUIRY SESSION

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ing. When the cheques were presented at the Bank, they were dishonoured because, I was told by the Immigration Officer, the Treasury had failed to place enough money into the account of the Immigration Office. The money-changer again went to the Bank after lunch but still no money had been deposited. This thing happened on not only one occasion but on several. Mr. Forrest remarked that he was giving up in despair any hope of securing cooperation from the Treasury.

"Beneficial"

"The various agencies were federated under the control of the General Agency. In this way, we dealt with two or three representatives of the General Agency in comparison with former times when we had to deal with some forty or fifty representatives of different firms or public organisations. Since the establishment of the General Agency, the Immigration Office has been relieved of a considerable amount of work and congestion. In former days, representatives of the different agencies were permitted behind the counter. Many roamed about from one desk to another, picking up papers and going through them as though they were public property. They used to go to the shroffs' department to pay for and collect their permits and, on numerous occasions, they blocked the passage way. I may explain that we had no proper means of dividing off the shroffs' department from the rest of the office, which we all agreed was necessary for the safety of cash and permits. I am of the firm opinion that the establishment of the General Agency has proved beneficial so far as the Immigration Office is concerned.

"Doing Well"

"Under the conditions which we worked, I hold that, if we were able to show fifty per cent. efficiency, we were doing remarkably well. Up to only a few weeks ago, we did not have a chance to settle down but now that we have put things into working order of a more or less normal type (though I might add that we could do better if we are given a little more time to put things in ship-shape order), things are working more smoothly. We have been able to put into effect part of our plans for a workable system which eventually should prove to be very efficient. We are getting through considerably more work than we formerly did and whereas it used to take between a week or ten days to issue a permit, sometimes longer, we now take about 48 hours. The number of permits issued up to the present (4.30 p.m. on March 25) are: Six Months: 82,236; One Year: 3,868; Two Years: 27,217; Four Years: 18,618; Ten Years: 19,062. Total: 160,999 in addition to 13,200 old forms.

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The Chairman: "You must notice that the figures given in your statement are greater than their total?" Yes, I am sorry. These figures were given by one of our clerks.

The Chairman: "I hope you will tear them up."

No Rest

"Generally speaking, the work was exceedingly onerous and, in all the years of my long experience with newspapers, where we had our own rushes, I have seen nothing so heavy or so sustained and I have certainly never worked with a chief who threw himself heart and soul into his duties as did the Immigration Officer, who showed no regard whatever to his health. So far as I know neither he nor the Deputy Immigration Officer took a single Saturday afternoon or Sunday off until about the end of February and, even on Chinese New Year, the Immigration Office remained open. The Immigration Officer worked from very early in the morning until late at night.

"We feel that we have done, and that we are still doing, our best under the prevailing circumstances and now that conditions have been so improved mainly with regard to accommodation, equipment and the cessation of the rush, we feel confident that the Immigration Office will run smoothly enough to comply with the public's requirements."

Bribery Attempt

Mr. Forrest asked Mr. Chen if his duty mostly consisted of outside work to give him an opportunity to make reports on cases of bribery and whether Mr. Chen did not make a report to him sometime between January 22, and January 27.

Mr. Chen replied in the affirmative and was asked to write down the name of the persons involved in his report.

Mr. Forrest: "What was the nature of the report?"

Mr. Chen: "The person in question attempted to bribe me. He asked me whether I could secure him an agency and if I were successful it would be to our mutual benefit." He was asked to lunch which he refused. He interpreted the remarks of the person concerned as an attempt at bribery.

Very Indignant

Asked under what frame of mind he came back to his office, Mr. Chen replied that he was very indignant and went immediately to report to the Immigration Officer, Mr. K. L. Dun, another A.I.O. was present, he said, when he made the report and Mr. Dun mentioned that a similar attempt had been made to secure his services.

The Immigration Officer put the name of the person in question on the black-list at the door of the I.O. in full view of the public. The Chairman asked what became of K. L. Dun who, he understood, was no longer connected with the I.O.

Mr. Chen said Dun had been removed for dishonesty. Dun, he stated, had compelled certain junior officers in the department to pay him a certain amount of their salaries every month.

The Chairman: "Was he convicted of theft?"

Mr. Chen: "No, he was dismissed."

Water Police

Mr. B. C. Hobbs, Assistant Immigration Officer, in evidence stated that lack of cooperation by the Water Police had forced him and other officers on many occasions to take "Walla-Wallas."

This, said Mr. Hobbs, hampered the work of Immigration Officers who arrived between half-an-hour and three-quarters of an hour later than if they took police launches.

The Chairman then said that he would take the opportunity to read a letter in which the Assistant-Immigration Officer and two others were thanked for assistance rendered on several occasions to the writer in the execution of their duties.

Mr. Forrest: "Have you found passengers generally orderly and

polite?"—Yes, on every ocean-going boat.

Mr. Forrest: "The crew of the ships were as helpful?"—Not on one or two occasions.

Bank's Complaint

Mr. Shou J. Chen, General Manager of the Bank of China, produced letters sent to the Four Chinese Members of the Council in which he drew attention to what the bank considered "a serious affront by the Immigration Officer."

A letter was sent by the sub-manager of the head office requesting eight application forms for Entry Permits for members of the staff.

The letter was returned with a footnote: "In reply to the above: I can trace the names of none of these persons among the list of staff in local directories. Will you please produce evidence that they are actually members of your Hong Kong Office. (Sd.) I. O. 11.141."

A letter sent by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, the bank's solicitor, to the Immigration Officer on this complaint, suggested that the Immigration Officer write the bank a conciliatory letter. To this letter the Immigration Officer failed to reply.

Returned Unopened

On March 15 the bank sent signed applications on behalf of three members of the staff of the Head Office, enclosed in an envelope to the Immigration Officer. This envelope was returned unopened with the words in Chinese endorsed thereon: "It would be in order to call personally."

The following day, a registered letter was sent to the Immigration Officer who, in his reply, made no mention of the obvious discourtesy in regard to returning an official communication from this bank unopened.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Chen said that the bank was established in Hong Kong in 1913.

Asked whether he would like to answer the allegations, Mr. Forrest replied that the best answer would be to invite reference to minutes in the C.S.O. files.

The footnote of which the bank complained was one of the products of overwork and inadequate staff. No disrespect was intended.

Elaborate Schemes

Mr. Forrest pointed out that he discovered elaborate schemes by unrecognised agents to obtain application forms. After receiving the application of the Bank, he got his staff to investigate the names of the applicants, but these could not be traced in the local directories.

The Chairman: "Do you regard this a discourtesy every member of the public is to expect from a Government department?"

"—Yes, up to the point of the footnote."

Mr. Forrest referred to a phrase in a letter from the bank to the Immigration Officer: "discourtesy of the note signed by one described as the Immigration Officer." Mr. Forrest said the chief reason he decided not to deal with the letter was because it was not couched in proper terms.

J.P.'s Complaint

Mr. Ma Tsau-chiu, J.P., said that on January 18 he endorsed an application for a four-year residence certificate. He signed as manager of his firm and as an Unofficial Justice of the Peace.

The Deputy Immigration Officer accepted the endorsement but the Immigration Officer called for the endorsement of the employers of the applicant.

On March 1, a lady member of his family, accompanied by a female servant, arrived from Macao where they obtained Entry Permits from a hotel.

The servant's permit turned out to be a forgery and she was detained. She was not allowed to put up security but was told she had to go back to Macao by the same boat.

Mr. Ma went to see the Immigration Officer and offered to put up personal or cash security. He saw the Immigration Officer personally, in the presence of Mr. Walter Hamming Chen. Mr. Forrest asked him whether he bought the forged permit himself or indirectly, and added, "Anyhow, you can't guarantee her," and left the office.

Mr. Ma said he then went to the Immigration Depot and there arranged for the release of the servant on his guarantee.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Ma said the servant had been resident in the Colony for the past 10 years.

Asked whether he had any proof that the Immigration Officer saw the application, Mr. Ma replying to Mr. Forrest, said he assumed so, since it was returned with two chits—one signed by an Assistant Immigration Officer and approved, and another signed by the Immigration Officer and rejected. The chits were not personally signed but chopped.

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ROYAL ENGINEERS WIN ARMY RUGBY DOUBLE

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ROYAL ENGINEERS secured the Army Rugby "Double" when at Sookunpoo on Tuesday they beat Combined Royal Artillery by two goals and a penalty goal (13 points) to a penalty goal (3 points) in the Large Units Army Rugby League.

Sappers have already won the Small Units Rugby League and are hoping to complete the "treble" by winning the Army "Sevens" of which they are the holders.

ARMY LEAGUE CRICKET

The first innings for the Royal Engineers in the Final of the Large Units Cricket Knock Out Competition was completed at Sookunpoo yesterday after scoring 145 runs while the Combined Small Units had only 15 runs for two wickets.

Sapper Bailey was the top scorer with 40 runs to his credit, closely followed by Spr. Tropp with 35 runs.

The game will be continued to-day.

Following is the full scores when stumps were drawn:

ROYAL ENGINEERS				
Tropp, l.b.w. b Dixon	35			
Ratcliffe, b Dewar	17			
Pelham, b Murphy	6			
Megson, b Dixon	14			
Shaw, c Webb, b Dixon	9			
Denyer, b Dixon	2			
Freeman, b Dixon	5			
Holliday, c Coombes, b Dixon	6			
Bailey, c Dixon, b Dewar	40			
Sanways, c Gardner, b Dixon	8			
Goss, not out	2			
Extras (17, LB3)	10			
Total	145			

Bowling Analysis				
Dewar	O	M	R	W
	11.7	3	39	2
Murphy	11	2	42	1
Dixon	9	0	41	7
Coombes	3	0	13	0

COMBINED SMALL UNITS				
Logan, not out	4			
Webb, l.b.w. b Tropp	2			
Stoner, l.b.w. b Denyer	4			
Boocock, not out	0			
Extras (BB)	8			
Total (for 5 wks.)	15			

Bowling Analysis				
Megson	O	M	R	W
	8	0	2	0
Tropp	4	1	3	1
Denyer	3	2	1	1
Holliday	1	0	1	0

C.C.C.				
The following will represent Kowloon C.C. against Civil Service C.C. in a Junior League Cricket match at Cox's Road, on Saturday at 2 p.m.:				
S. A. Gray (Capt.), E. Curtis, T. A. Madar, K. M. Baxter, W. C. Hung, W. L. Rapley, R. J. Fenton, G. A. Goodban, G. E. Taylor, H. Brokenshire and L. R. Burah, Reserve, Major W. W. Parsons, Scorer, R. Leigh.				

C.C.C.				
The following will represent Craigen-gower C.C. in a friendly Cricket match against St. Joseph's College, on Saturday, at Happy Valley at 2 p.m.:				
A. M. Omar (Capt.), O. M. Omar, S. Leonard, W. Leonard, E. H. Esphail, U. H. Esphail, L. Choa, A. Hung, T. Locke, T. Edgar and S. R. Solina.				

Y.M.C.A. BILLIARDS				
The European Y.M.C.A. beat the Royal Engineers by 7 points to 3 in a friendly billiards and snooker match, played on Tuesday night.				
Scores were:				
Billiards: Y.M.C.A. — Terran 150, Jones 150, Rager 150, Total: 450. R.E. — Colenne 100, Davis 80, Thompson 148, Total: 334.				
Snooker: Y.M.C.A. — Sykes 82, Thompson 66, Decosier 98, Total: 246. R.E. — Brannon 80, Mitchell 70, Currie 87, Total: 249.				

Play in the first half was on the whole scrappy but in the second period the game was opened out and good movements were seen by the threequarters of both sides.

The forward line of both teams played well.

Prominent players for Sappers' team were Folley, at scrum half, and Sheldrake and Davis in the forward line.

Royal Artillery were without several of their best players among whom were Bompas, Skipwith, Hook and Marsh. The latter will be out of Rugby for some time owing to injuries.

Fairclough played well at back for Gunners while in the forward line Page did well. Richards was seen as a centre threequarters instead of on the wing and played a sound game.

Sappers took the lead in the first five minutes through Foley and Birrell converted. Just before half time they went further ahead through a penalty goal scored by Birrell.

Play improved in the second half and Gunners reduced the lead through Gilliam from a penalty. Sheldrake scored for the Sappers later for Birrell to add the points.

Enviably Record

Sappers have an enviable Army Rugby record. They have won the Army "Sevens" for the last two years and the Inter Unit Rugby League last year. This season the League was divided into two sections and Royal Engineers have now won both.

They have only lost one game in the Army Competition in three years and that against 5th A.A. Royal Artillery, in the first game last season. In the open "Sevens" they were beaten by Club—the ultimate winners—by 8 points to 3 in the Semi-final.

Following players have been playing for them in most of the games for the past three seasons: Birrell, Foley, Appley, Brinkley, Davis, Sheldrake, T. Jones, Picton and Martin. As these players will probably be here next season it seems that Sappers will again be a force to be reckoned with in Army Rugby.

YESTERDAY'S BADMINTON

Chung Hwa beat King's College by 6 games to 3 last night in the play-off for the "B" section of the Junior Division of the League.

S. B. Chau and W. C. Chung (King's College)	
beat C. M. Chiu and F. C. Liang	21-4
beat W. C. and W. H. Choy	21-3
beat P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu	21-11
K. H. Lo and K. J. Atwell (King's College)	
lost to Chiu and Liang	12-21
lost to Choy and Choy	18-21
lost to Leung and Chiu	21-24
K. C. Lui and H. T. Wu (King's College)	
lost to Chiu and Liang	14-21
lost to Choy and Choy	10-21
lost to Leung and Chiu	21-24

R.E. Soccer Team

Following have been chosen to represent Royal Engineers against Kit Chee at Sookunpoo Ground, on Saturday:

Moham, Palmer, and Tang, China Pak, Chan, Ying-Kuen, Shaw, (Capt.) and Taylor, Li, Wil-Jam, Birrell, Fox, Pelham and F. Jones.

FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFEREE"

CONGRATULATIONS to South China on winning the First Division Football Championship for the fourth year in succession; in so doing they have beaten the record of the now defunct Chinese Athletic Association.

South China's performance is most praiseworthy when consideration is given to the handicap under which they started through the loss of most of their senior players. This was a sufficient setback but, to make matters worse, most of their promising junior players also left them.

Determination and the spirit of cooperation have done much to enable South China to retain the championship and though much of the credit must go to Lee Wai-tong for his guiding spirit on and off the field, the other players must come in for their share of praise.

Perhaps the happiest man in South China to-day is Mr. Leung Cheuk-wan, manager of the team. Mr. Leung held this post years ago and had retired from active interest in soccer, but he unselfishly came back in the Club's hour of need and has not spared himself in the best interests of the team.

The presentation to him of the ball, used in the Police-South China game and autographed by the players at a dinner following the game, was no mere gesture; it was a token of genuine thanks and appreciation for all he had done for the team and players during the season.

After their easy win over St. Joseph's in the Senior Shield Semi-Final on Sunday, South China hope to recapture the Shield and secure the "double".



Navy astounded their most optimistic supporters on Saturday by beating Eastern, holders, in the Semi-final of the Senior Shield Competitions. It was generally expected that Eastern would be able to win but Navy upset their calculations by their determination and hard play.

The Final against South China, if Navy have the same team, should be keenly contested.

While the First Division championship has been decided, the titles for Second and Third Divisions are still in the air, though Engineers and Air Force are the best placed for Second and Third Divisions respectively.

Signals dropped a very valuable point when they drew with 7th A.A. Royal Artillery, and this point may well cost them the championship as, till then, they were, on level terms, with Air Force.

Football Association are doing their utmost to finish the season by April 12 and, as a result, a number of games have been arranged for week-days.

The First Division game between South China and Police which started at 5 p.m. was finished in very good light so that it is possible for civilian teams who cannot play early, to start a game at 6.15 on week-days and finish with plenty of light.

KWONG WAH EASILY BEAT NAVY

By "Sportshawk"

DISPLAYING BETTER combination Kwong Wah defeated Navy by 4 goals to 1 in the Second Division of the Football League at Boundary Street yesterday afternoon, after leading at the interval by two clear goals.

Navy made several changes, bringing Mann to take over Anderson's position on the left-wing while Birch was seen on Bennett's position at inside-right. Bennett was seen in the intermediate-line.

Docherty was out in his best form, although he played a fairly good game between the sticks and in the first period saved several good shots.

Winter, at right-back, was the mainstay of the sailors' defence. He cleared strongly and covered his partner, Sneesly, very well, particularly towards the end when he had to pay attention to the Chinese leader, Lee Yan-leung, their outstanding and most dangerous forward.

The Navy intermediate-line was the strongest department in their team. They were best served by Williams in the pivotal position, who kept the opposing forwards in check to a great extent.

Good Forwards

Their forwards were, however, too slow, lacked finish and showed little combination. Breese, right-wing, and Wilkinson, centre-forward, were the most impressive players.

The Chinese custodian, Lam Ching-fong, had not much to do, as his backs cleared well and held the opposing forwards.

Yeung Tse-cheung, the Chinese pivot, was in his great form. He had the opposing leader, Wilkinson, in close check and had his own forwards piled with many good and accurate passes. Lee Wah-chee held his own well at left-half.

Their attack was best served by the right-wing in which Lee Yan-leung, Leung Ping-kam and Lung Chi-lam formed a very strong attacking unit and these three players had the sailors' defence always worried.

Yeung Ping-hon also sent over several good centres from the left-wing.

Kwong Wah started to attack from the start and maintained this for the greater part of the first period in which they scored two goals through Lung Chi-lam and Lee Yan-leung.

Navy were awarded a penalty but Wilkinson failed to turn it to account.

On resumption, Kwong Wah still maintained their superiority and scored a further goal through Leung Ping-kam.

Breese reduced the lead for Navy with a good shot.

Shortly afterwards, Birch was given a great chance. He sent in a terrific shot but hit the upright. In the last 10 minutes, Kwong Wah scored their final goal through Lee Ying-leung.

NAVY—Docherty, Winter and Sneesly; Bennett, Williams and Baillie; Breese, Birch, Wilkinson, Mitchell and Mann.

KWONG WAH—Lam Ching-fong; Chan Wing-hung and Lo Shu-kar; Leung Ping-chun, Yeung Tse-cheung and Lee Wah-chee; Lung Chi-lam, Leung Ping-kam, Lee Yan-leung, Chan Wan-sang and Yeung Pui-hon.

SING TAO BEATEN

In a Second Division match played yesterday at St. Joseph's ground, Happy Valley, 30th R.A. beat Sing Tao by the odd goal in five. Hill (2) and Hillmeak (1) scored for the winners, while Cheong Moon-wing (penalty) and Shu Yau-sang scored for the losers.

Hole, at centre half, for the R.A. was the most outstanding player on the field.

K.B.G.C. LIFE MEMBERS

Messrs. C. Bond, W. P. Headley and R. Duncan were elected Life Members at the annual meeting of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club held yesterday.

Following were elected to serve on the new committee.

Mr. J. McKelvie (President), Mr. J. G. Meyer (Vice-President), Mr. H. White (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. E. A. Atkins (Hon. Secretary), Messrs. B. Wylie, G. E. Thompson, L. Guy, D. Waterton (Committee).

Mr. R. P. Phillips was elected Bowls Convener; Mr. A. E. E. Jeffries, Bar Convener; Mr. S. C. Walker, Grounds Convener; The Ballot Committee was Messrs. J. C. Gill, E. V. Searle, W. Houston, F. W. Ginter, G. Sherriff, R. Duncan.

There was some discussion regarding prizes when it was proposed by Mr. W. MacFarlane that certificates be issued instead of donations and entry fees be given to the Bomber Fund. This proposal was defeated.

Members signifying their intention of donating prizes were Messrs. K. C. Hamilton, P. J. Hamilton, B. Wylie, R. P. Phillips, L. Sykes, J. C. Gill, C. E. Turpin, C. Wallace, E. A. Atkins, H. Nish, H. G. Bicknell, D. W. Waterton, H. White, L. Guy, A. E. E. Jeffries, R. Duncan, F. W. Ginter, G. E. Thompson and "Stonecutters."

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 28th March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00, including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th March, 1941.

NECAN TOPS STAKES MONEY WINNERS

Following shows how much the respective winners secured for their stables (names in brackets) at the Valley since January 1:—

United Express (Necan) ..	10,909
Distant View (Lan)	8,500
Oolong (T.K.L.)	6,181
Endeavour (Mrs. Chuong Ho-yen)	4,774
Sapper (Mrs. A. E. Grasett) ..	4,500
Velvetlight (Cire)	4,266
Confusion Bay (T.K.L.)	3,250
Oracle (T.K.L.)	3,100
Happy Returns (Lee Chih-choh)	3,000
Santa Anita (C.C.F.)	3,000
Jus Gentium (S. W. Lee)	2,987
Fleetwing (Eu Tong-sen)	2,950
Starlight (Cire)	2,750
Black Seal (C.H.)	2,500
Palber (Marber)	2,300
Sam's Choice (Collene)	2,300
First Love (P. & L.)	2,250
Viceroy (Vilaja)	2,250
Colooma (Gredmaka)	2,150
Marsh Warbler (Pearstun) ..	2,150
A Surprising Time (Toots) ..	2,100
Charlesber (Marber 1)	2,100
Mainsail (Sailbad the Sinner) ..	2,000
King's Flight (Dynasty)	2,000
Lex Fori (Lee Bros.)	2,000
Navylight (Cire)	2,000
Dutch Treat (Hollandia)	2,000
Corral (L.W.S.)	1,900
Prairie View (Lan)	1,850
A Happy Time (Li Po-chun) ..	1,750
A Luxurious Time (Miss Li Po-chun) ..	1,750
Gloaming (Eu Tong-sen)	1,750
O-Lan (T.K.L.)	1,577
Amulet Star (C.W.K.)	1,500
National Welfare (Yeung Bros.)	1,500
Bendemeer (P. M. Hoo)	1,500
Eve of Peace (Eve)	1,500
World Fair View (Lan)	1,500
Maple Leaf (Kwok Yee-chan) ..	1,500
Manhattan (Shields & Stanton) ..	1,500
Brutus (G. Treverton)	1,500
Optima Fide (S.W.)	1,500
Moonlight (Cire)	1,500
Never-Never (Mrs. B. Hall) ..	1,500
Connieher (Marber 1)	1,250
Sydney Lady (Lucky)	1,200
Fresh Air (S.K.)	1,100
Eve of Harvest (Eve)	1,072
Venus Bay (T.K.L.)	1,050
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Catterick Bridge (C. L. Gregory) ..	1,000
Longdon (G. Tinson)	1,000
Haccossay (T. & E.)	1,000
Shuttlecock (S. T. Williams) ..	1,000
Centre Court (T.K.L.)	1,000
Bona Vacantia (Culture)	900
Bugle (C. H. Chan)	900
Lovelylight (Cire)	883
Gladiator (Eve)	850
National Courage (Why)	800
Eve of Dancing (Eve)	750
Conquering Time (Li Po-chun) ..	750
Hillsboro Bay (T.K.L.)	750
Australian Diamond (Diamonds) ..	750
A Rosy Time (Miss Li Po-chun) ..	750
Far View (Lan)	700
Iron Beauty (Iron)	700
The Koala Bear (Tester & Abraham) ..	700
Springhurst (Billy)	700
Newborn Star (C.N.K.)	600
Via Major (Lee Bros.)	600
Vixen Tor (G. Tinson)	600
Eve of Reason (Eve)	525
Eve of Deception (Eve)	500
Tien Tien (Wai Shiu-pak) ..	500
Royal Sovereign (G. A. Harriman) ..	500
Hughber (Marber 1)	500
Galveston Bay (T.K.L.)	400
Locus Standi (Lee Bros.)	400
Snow White (Mok Kon-sang) ..	400
Misty View (Lan)	400
Royal Wedding Eve (W. T. Stanton) ..	400
Devonian (Lady Northcote)	350
Roofly (Ellandee)	350
Vitamin M (S.S.)	300
Raconteur (Manetta)	300
Casino (Bridge)	300
Lovely Star (Kong Bros.)	300
Eve of Hunting (Eve)	300
Wonderful Scheme (Kong Bros.) ..	300
Potentate (Eu Tong-sen)	300
Rose Jane (Eu Tong-sen)	300
Burford (Quartermaster)	261
Pumpkinlokei (T.L.)	250
Seal River (Gredmaka)	250
Splight (Cire)	250
Cheerful Star (E.S.K.)	250
Brown Derby (Codona)	250
A Good Time (I.M.M.F.)	250
Colorado Star (Ellandee)	250
Odeon (T.K.L.)	250
Daylight (Cire, Jr.)	250
Rowan (Ash)	250
Bendigo (Mrs. J. H. Taggart) ..	250
Cockierol (Necan)	250
Lilliber (Marber)	200

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMME

Several matches in Colony Badminton Championships will take place at Club de Recreio and at Kowloon Cricket Club to-morrow and Monday, respectively, as a result of a rearrangement of the programme. The rearranged programmes are as follows:

FRIDAY, (CLUB DE RECREIO)
Men's Junior Singles
 H. S. Jones v P. C. Leung (7 p.m.)
 N. L. Smith v P. Wynter-Blyth (8.15 p.m.)
 A. L. Fisher v Peter Lo (9.15 p.m.)
Men's Senior Singles
 Patrick Wong (holder) v D. Kwok (7.30 p.m.)
Men's Senior Doubles
 P. K. Hui and H. F. Chew v C. Y. Yung and F. Koh (8.45 p.m.)
MONDAY, MARCH 31 (KOWLOON C.C.)
Men's Junior Doubles
 T. S. Young and M. K. Fung v Peter Lo and J. Tsang (7 p.m.)

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:—

Open Singles
 Fung Yee-pul vs Kenneth Lo v. Paul Kong (5).
 I. M. A. Razack v S. Y. Tong (7).
Open Doubles
 George Choa and A. V. Remedios v O. Umetani and T. Imura (8).
Club Championship
 F. W. Carter v M. A. Bierens De Haan (1).
Club Handicap Singles
 A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/6) v H. E. Waller (plus 3/6) (6).
Club Handicap Doubles
 G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (—15/1) v V. R. Gordon and M. H. Turner (—3/6) (2).
Club Handicap Mixed Doubles
 C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (—4/6) v F. D. Hunter and Mrs. G. Campbell (—1/6) (3); E. H. Brazel and Miss M. Riddle (—2/6) v J. S. Theobald and Miss D. Eardley (—15) (4).
Men's Junior Singles
 J. L. Anderson v E. Zimmern (9.15 p.m.)
Men's Senior Singles
 M. P. Young v P. K. Hui (8

TENNIS RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Following were yesterday's tennis results:

OPEN SINGLES
 Fung Yee-pul beat Kenneth Lo 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.
 C. Dunne beat S. Goodman 6-0, 6-1.
CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES
 T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould beat Van Leeuwen and M. A. de Haan 6-4, 6-0.
 H. J. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Blyth beat W. R. Lambert and N. Lloyd 6-3, 6-3.
 B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow beat J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipwith 6-3, 5-7, 7-5.
CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES
 R. E. Guest beat G. Campbell 6-1, 6-1.
 W. Gillies v K. W. Choy (8.45 p.m.)
Men's Senior Doubles
 Patrick Wong and C. Au (holders) v H. C. Eardley and N. L. Smith (7.30 p.m.)

PAGH AND UMETANI TO PLAY AGAIN

The replay of the Open Singles tennis match between M. Pagh and Umetani was again not decided after over two hours' play when the game was abandoned in the last set with the score at 11 all.

Pagh, giving an improved display, won the first set at 6-4 and in the second set was leading by 3-2 but lost it by 6-3.

In the final set Pagh was leading by 4 sets to 1 and seemed assured of winning when he lead 5-3 but he missed several easy chances. Umetani, by steady play, brought the score to 5 all and each player in turn lost their own service. Pagh obtained the odd game several times and when well-placed to win allowed Umetani to draw level.

When the game was 10 all Umetani appeared to be suffering from cramp and after a delay, the game was continued. With the score at 11 all the game was abandoned owing to the light.

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R. A. F. Raids On Berlin, Mannheim, Dusseldorf

MATSUOKA ON 'LONG-SUFFERING' JAPAN!

MR. MATSUOKA, THE Japanese Foreign Minister, in an interview with the German newspaper "Angriff" is reported by the German radio as stating that "Britain and the United States will always oppose Japan's constructive work in the Far East. Japan is therefore on Germany's side."

"We want nothing from the Americans and leave them in peace. They should follow our example and leave us in peace in Asia."

GENERAL AUCHINLECK'S LONG TOUR

WITH HIS RETURN TO NEW DELHI YESTERDAY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, GENERAL AUCHINLECK, COMPLETED AN EXTENSIVE COUNTRY-WIDE INSPECTION TOUR IN WHICH HE SAW FOR HIMSELF MOST OF THE TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT AND MUNITION PRODUCTION IN EASTERN, SOUTHERN AND WESTERN INDIA.

The inspection was comprehensive, embracing all land, sea and air establishments and every phase of training, as well as production.

At Hyderabad, Bombay, Karachi and Jodhpur, trainees for the Air Force were seen at work,

The interview is stated to have taken place in the train taking Mr. Matsuoka to Berlin.

According to the German news agency, Mr. Matsuoka, in a message to the German nation last night, gave an assurance that Japan will not lag behind Germany in courage and determination to establish the world on the basis of the new order.

Mr. Matsuoka added: "The ideal which is dear to Japanese above all things is embodied in nakho ichio, that harmonious world community with room for all nations, in which they can realise their wishes and fulfil their missions."

That ideal, he added, was the basis of the tripartite pact. — Reuter.

while at various centres many hundreds training in different phases of technical services were inspected.

A special visit was paid to the rapidly completing aircraft factory in south India, where the first made-in-India plane will be ready by the middle of the year. — Reuter.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE

Appeal To Yugoslavians

An impassioned appeal to the Yugoslavian people was made over the ether by the Secretary for India, Mr. L. S. Amery, from London last night.

"It is not too late," Mr. Amery exclaimed, urging them to keep their national spirit alive.

It was the duty of the Yugoslav Government, before the pact was ratified, to consult their people, who regarded the signing of the pact as a betrayal of honour and independence.

"What will be your position when Britain has won, as she will win?" asked Mr. Amery. "Even Hitler cannot prevail against England and America together." — Reuter.

EXPLOITS OF COASTAL COMMAND

Some of the exploits of aircraft of the Bomber and Coastal Command in attacks on enemy shipping yesterday and on Tuesday are revealed in an Air Ministry communique.

A small enemy convoy was intercepted and bombed on Tuesday off the Dutch coast by Bomber Command aircraft.

In another attack an anti-aircraft ship was damaged, and near Borkum a naval patrol was bombed.

Also on Tuesday, Coastal Command aircraft attacked and scattered several enemy minesweepers.

Yesterday the pilot of a Coastal Command bomber sank an enemy supply ship.

From these operations, concludes the communique, one aircraft is missing. — Reuter.

Experts Well Satisfied With Results

OBSERVATIONS BY THE R.A.F. AND REPORTS FROM "OTHER SOURCES" OF AIR RAID DAMAGE IN GERMANY ENABLE THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE TO FORM A GOOD PICTURE OF DESTRUCTION CAUSED.

"We are quite satisfied with the results, particularly from the point of view of dislocated transport," said an official of the Ministry in London yesterday, speaking of R.A.F. operations during December and January last.

British bombers, he said, succeeded in inflicting considerable damage on Germany's war effort exceeding the damage caused by German raiders over Britain.

Heavy bombs in the heart of Berlin penetrated to the Unterbahn (underground railway) where they brought traffic to a standstill on an important stretch, besides damaging shops, blowing the roof off a cinema and halting street traffic.

The damage, he added, was so extensive that it took 10 days to clear up in spite of large squads employed to conceal the effects of British bombing from the civilian population.

Hits were also obtained on a very important railway junction.

Some damage was sustained by the Police Presidency and the Law Courts. The top floors of the famous Wertheim Stores were burnt out while minor damage was done to a number of important industrial establishments.

Mannheim Damage

Mannheim suffered much more heavily than Berlin during those two months.

Widespread damage was inflicted to installations in the main docks. Several barges were sunk in one raid and water traffic blocked.

At the same time the shipyards were damaged and production held up. More than one engineering shop was completely destroyed and others damaged by

high explosives and fire. Among the Rhineland towns visited, Dusseldorf was a particular sufferer.

Speaking of R.A.F. damage to Mannheim, which is the most important industrial centre of the middle Rhine, the official said damage inflicted on plant and buildings of the Reinrich Lanz works is believed to run into millions of marks and production is likely to be affected for some time.

Munitions Train

There was reason to believe that damage suffered by several other works had set the German chemical industry some difficult problems.

Several hits were scored on Mannheim's main passenger and goods stations, where an ammunition train was involved with unfortunate results to the surrounding district.

Near a goods station, a direct hit was obtained on the central field post office for the German army of occupation in France, necessitating its removal to Stuttgart.

As a result of the attacks, concluded the official, all rail traffic had to be diverted from Mannheim area through Karlsruhe and was likely to be overloaded. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

An increase of cholera cases on the mainland and a slight decrease on the Island were registered yesterday when 16 cases were notified — five from Victoria, 10 from Kowloon, and one each from Shaokwan, New Territories and the Harbour — bringing the total since the beginning of the year to 529.



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SPIRIT OF BRITAIN

(By Dorothy Kilgallen)

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") LORD HALIFAX, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, TOLD THE PRESS IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY THAT THE GREATEST BRITISH STRENGTH "LIES IN THE HEART AND SPIRIT OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE WHO WILL CARRY ON TILL VICTORY IS WON."

Lord Halifax took issue with a magazine article by Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh warning that the United States is not prepared for war.

The Ambassador said: "The conflict is between the Nazi way and your philosophy and our own philosophy." — International News Service.

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